

STUDIES IN PRIMARY SOURCES OF THE LOWER
EASTERN SHORE:

ASSORTED WILLS AND DEEDS OF GIFT OF THE
LOWER EASTERN SHORE OF MARYLAND AND
VIRGINIA

VOLUME I
1648-1845

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History has traditionally been written as a record of public rather than private events. The growth of institutions, the election of office-holders, the passage of laws, the conduct of diplomacy and war, the expansion of scientific knowledge, and the process of economic development--these are the major categories usually employed by historians to reveal the past. Although all these subjects are important, historians are coming to recognize that the public aspects of our past reveal far less than we would like to know about how our society and culture developed. Although we know something of the "big picture" of the development of American colonial history, we know little about the feelings, motivations, and behavior of the great mass of people in early America. The past will come alive only if we understand the people of that era--how they lived, felt, and interacted behind the curtain of public events. An examination of the inventories of families helps in beginning to understand how the "ordinary" individuals lived and carried on their daily lives.

The transcription of these probate records has been undertaken for two audiences. First, it is intended for use in introductory classes in United States history (201) as a springboard for student research. Faculty teaching introductory U.S. history courses are encouraging students to understand the historian's craft and to discover how historians--from simple building blocks such as these inventories and wills--begin to formulate concepts which result in the writing of history. Through a "hands on" approach, it is hoped that students might come to have a greater appreciation for the interpretation of documents and the creation of historical narratives from such "building blocks". This publication is intended secondly as a research aid for the many "armchair historians" in the local and regional community who have come to enjoy local and family history.

The Inventories and wills series should be considered a "work in progress". As further transcriptions of documents are undertaken, this work will take on a more complete and accurate appearance. Errors, which inadvertently find their way into any work such as this, will be corrected in future publications. Whenever possible, the original spellings found in the inventories have been maintained. Often a word is spelled in a variety of ways in one single inventory. During the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, there was no "one" correct spelling of a given word. Webster's Dictionary was still far in the future.

At times, there are lacunae in the documents themselves, indicating that already by the time a copy was made in the early eighteenth century, the original had been damaged in some fashion. At other times, the document is so faded or worn that an accurate interpretation can not be made. In such cases, in the transcript, brackets with the word "blank" have been ordinarily used where the missing word(s) would have been. In order to show researchers the difficulty of reading and interpreting the microfilm of the early inventories, copies of several seventeenth and early eighteenth century inventories have been incorporated into the work.

The documents have been transcribed from microfilms located at the Research Center for Delmarva History and Culture at Salisbury State University. The following records have been consulted in the creation of this study:

Worcester County, Maryland Inventories, 1688-1832 (numerous volumes)

Somerset County, Maryland Inventories, Liber EB#14, 1685-1752

Maryland Prerogative Court Inventories and Accounts, 1666-1718 (numerous volumes)

Maryland Prerogative Court Inventories, 1666-1776 (numerous volumes)

Worcester County, Maryland Wills, 1688-1845 (numerous volumes)

Somerset County, Maryland Wills, 1666-1845 (numerous volumes)

Maryland Prerogative Court Wills, 1666-1776 (numerous volumes)

Accomack County, Virginia Wills, Orders, Etc. (numerous volumes)

Northampton County, Virginia Wills, Orders, Etc. (numerous volumes)

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INTRODUCTORY NOTE ON THE USE OF WILLS

The series of volumes of **Assorted Wills From the Lower Eastern Shore**, of which this work is a part, is intended as a companion to the previously published volumes of inventories. Taken together, the volumes may be used effectively as building blocks for an understanding of the lives of the inhabitants of the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland and Virginia and the cultural milieu which developed in seventeenth century Delmarva and matured in the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. Although there are a few scattered wills from Northampton and Accomack Counties of Virginia and from Somerset County in Maryland, the majority are from the area which became Worcester County, Maryland. Since Worcester County was not created until 1742, wills from 1666 through 1741 will indicate that the deceased resided in Somerset County, Maryland. From 1742 to 1845, the wills indicate "late of Worcester County" as the place of residence of the decedent.

The probate records of the counties of the lower Eastern Shore, including wills, inventories, and accounts, provide important clues to material culture, to economic status, and to social status. Just as importantly, they demonstrate clearly, in many cases, the network of family interrelationships which tied the Seaside families together into a great kinship webbing.

The wills in these volumes are by no means all the extant wills from the eastern part of Old Somerset. Rather they represent the wills of a small segment of the population living in or near Bogerternorton Hundred on the Seaside area of Worcester County. This group of wills in this volume was intentionally chosen to represent a few select families: the Bishop (9), Claywell (4), Ennis (20), Johnson (6), Hudson (7), Poynter (4), Rackliffe (5), Smith (4), and Townsend (2) families and a few other families who lived in or near Bogerternorton Hundred and who intermarried with one or more of the above families. A second group of wills represents a Worcester County family, the Atkinsons from Dividing Creek(4), and demonstrates their interrelations with families from Somerset County and Accomack and Northampton Counties on the eastern shore of Virginia. Future volumes will expand these two kinship networks.

Through an examination of the probate records, one might develop a clearer understanding of the social classes which developed during the colonial period on the Eastern Shore. A study of these records might also help one become more aware of racial relationships, and trace the upward and downward paths of social and economic mobility of the various families of Worcester County.

This select group of wills and inventories also provides the foundations for a substantial picture of the material conditions of the area during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. One might, for example, examine the inheritance of objects and furnishings through various generations in a family. A picture of how our ancestors lived is enhanced through a careful examination of the probate records.

Finally, these volumes were compiled with two audiences in mind. First, student researchers might find these volumes helpful in seeing similarities and in making social and economic comparisons between families over an extended period of time. Second, family history researchers with Eastern Shore antecedents might also find these records worthwhile and enlightening as they assist in the process of "putting flesh on the bones" of ancestors.

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MARY ANDREWS
-1648

To all to whom those present shall come and etc. Know ye that I Mary Andrewes ye wife of Wm. Andrews of Northampton County in Virginia do by the freely and out unto my god daughter Mary Bishopp and daughter of Henry Bishopp of said county, one heifer November 15, 1648.

Mary Andrews

Northampton County Wills and Deeds, 1645-1651, p. 157.

CHRISTOPHER KIRK -1652

Alice wife of Christopher Kirk of Stepney Parish of Northampton County Va. gives unto her godson Henry the son of George Truitt (TRUEHETT) one cow and calfe. It is consented to by her husband CHRISTOPHER Kirke. 13 April 1652. Alice Kirke.

Northampton County Va. Deeds and Wills, 1651-1654, p. 37.

p. 134. Will of CHRISTOPHER Kirke. To my wife Alice Kirke my whole estate.

To three children cattle and to son Christopher Kirke, my plantation and muskett when he becomes 18 years of age and 4 heiffers. 4 heiffers to my daughter Mary Kirke and 4 heiffers to my daughter Rebecca Kirke--when the girls come to age. 16 years of age. If one of the children happens to die then the other two children shall have his part of the estate equally. January 18, 1652. Christopher Kirke.

Wills and Deeds, 1651-1654, p. 162. Alice Kirke relict of Christopher Kirke of Northampton lately deceased, gave Josiah Gaskeins one cow according to her husband's will. 29 October, 1652. Witness John Custis.

p. 169. Christopher Kirke intended his wife, Alice should be executor of his will dated. 18 January 1652. March 28, 1653.

WILLIAM ANDREWS

-1656

June 29, 1656.

William Andrews A list of cattle to his children hereafter expressed as doth appear by a list of them which was recorded 4 May, 1651. I William Smarte who married the relict and exec. of Lt. Col. Andrews I do in lieu of the cattle above said freely and absolutely give, grant and deliver unto my loving friend Mr. John Custis and Mr. Wm. Andrews for the sole use of John Andrews, Andrew Andrews, Mary Andrews, and Ann Andrews, orphans of Lt. Col. Wm. Andrew deceased, their heirs, etc. 8 cows with all there increase both male and female. Recorded 9 July, 1656.

Wit.

John Tilney

Thomas Johnson.

Signed: William Smarte.

Northampton County Deeds and Wills, 1654-1655, p. 99.

ANNE BISHOP

-1667

I Anne Bishopp the lawfull wife of the above said Henry Bishopp do voluntarily and willingly consent unto the above said alienation and lalechids in case I should survive my said Husband, I do by these presents exonerate acquit and forever hereafter fully wholly and absolutely discharge the above said Thomas Selby his heirs execrs administrators and assigns from such dower or dowers that might or may anywise properly belong or appertain to unto me the sd. Anne Bishopp, and for the performance hereof I have willingly and voluntarily sett my hands and seale this 16 day of March 1666.

Sealed and delivered in the presence of

Ye mark of Anne Bishop

The above written acknowledged in Open Court the 27th day of May 1667 by Anne the wife of Henry Bishopp as her act to Thomas Selby. Robt. Hutchinson, clerk of the court.

June 5, 1667. Accomack Co. Deeds, Wills and Orders, 1664-1671, p. 54.

ANNE SMITH, WIFE OF EDWARD
- 1666

Know all men by these presents that whereas Walter Irby, late of the county of Northampton deceased, did by his last will and testament make me ANNE SMITH his executrix, and left me by his said will a considerable estate, in consideration whereof and other considerations, my husband EDWARD SMITH did by his deeds of gift bearing date of 29 January 1659 give and grant unto me ANNE SMITH his wife, an estate in ye said county of Northampton as by ye said deed upon record in ye said county more plainly may appeared and whereof part of ye said estate is now removed out of the said county of Northampton and part remained still there, now I ye said Ann Smith in consideration of ye love I found by WILLIAM MELLINGE of ye said county in my necessity in my widdowshood in giving me out of his sloop 3000 lbs. of tobacco and caske and for other considerations, and allowed forth love and affection that I bear unto with and Margaret Mellinge son and daughter of the said William Mellinge and Ann his wife, do by these present give full power and authority unto ye said will. Melling Senior by virtue and power of my said deed of gift do take and receive unto his custody all such part of ye said estate as is now resident in ye said county of Northampton or hereafter shall come into the said county of Northampton during my life, be it either horses, sheepe, cattle, tobacco, servants, or any other goods whatsoever now there being and owing to my said husband Edward Smith in the said county of Northampton in lieu of that part of ye said estate, which my said husband has carried and being parted out of ye said county of Northampton which by ye said deed of gift was given to me and my heirs forever, and it to dispose and make use of for ye sole benefit and profit of himself, and his said son and daughter only allowing for me ye said Anne Smith during my natural life some small maintenance thereof, and when it shall please God to take me ye said Anne Smith out of this life, all that shall remain any way of belonging to me or my said husband in ye said county of Northampton either in cattle, sheep, horses, servants, tobacco, or anything else being or owing; I freely give unto ye said WILLIAM MELLINGE SENIOR and will to MARGARETT MELLINGE his said daughter and WILLIAM his son, and to their heirs what my husband has in his hands in Ackomack County of ye said estate, formerly given me by he said deed of gift utterly renouncing, revoking all former grants, gifts, wills etc. 9 Aug. 1667. ANNE SMITH (her mark)

Robert Hilkin and Ruty Stookons witnessed.

(Accomack County Wills and Deeds, 1666-1667, folio 26)

MARGARET HAGAMOND

Deed of Gift, 1673

This to whom it may concerne that I MARGARET HAGAMOND, widow hereby those I will freely give unto my children namely Marcus Isaac and John Haggamond and my two daughters namely Comfort and PATIENCE to bee delivered to them or get of them att their days of marriage as followeth:

ITEM: I freely give and grant unto my son MARCUS HAGAMOND to bee delivered unto him att his day of marriage (viz. one feather bed and boulster, one red shagged rugg one Iron pott about four gallonds and spice mortar and pestle two pewter dishes two plates one porringer one saltcellar, one saucer and one beaker, all of pewter, one silver dram cup and one pound silver money worth about six shillings one paire of bullet moulds to have and to hold the aforesaid goods for ever att the day of his marriage to him his heirs executors or assigns.

ITEM: I freely give and grant unto my son ISAAC HAGAMOND to be delivered unto him at his day of marriage and after to his heirs and executors or assigns (Viz., one flock bed and boulster, one pillow and one old shagged rugg one iron pott about six gallons and hangars, one horse about three years old called Seyr and one great chest with a padlock, one paire shott moulds.

ITEM: I freely give and grant unto my son JOHN HAGAMOND to bee delivered unto him att his day of marriage and afterward to his heires executors or assigns (Viz., one flock bed and pillows one plaine red rugg, one white blankett, and one iron pott about six gallons and hangers one great chest cubbord with leuller (?) one younge mare two years old with her increase which is in consideration of his hand mill sold to John Winbury senior and given him by his fathers will and testament.

ITEM: I freely given and grant unto my two daughters COMFORT and PATIENCE jointly and in a joint stock (viz., to bee delivered unto them or either of them at their day of marriage, and to be divided att either of their day of marriage if both live, and if either of them dyeth the survivor shall have all at her day of marriage and afterwords to her or their heirs executors or assigns for ever. Namely one younge maire called Jump. and her increase burned marked upon both buttocks with C and two ewes with their female increase, one bull two chests the one marked C: the other P one feather bed and boulster and red shagged rugg one white blankett two pillows and one silver surewyer with two gold half mount one silver bodkin two silver hafted knives one gold jowre (?)Iowse (locket?) with two golden strands and one silver chaine it hangeth on two iron potts and hangers the one three and the other foure gallons and court cupboard, and brasse kettle about tenn gallons, and dripping pan four pewter dishes four plates three saucers, two porringers and candlestick , one brasse candlesticks and one negro woman called Bette if living and for the true performance I have heretofore sett my hand and seale this 2nd of February 1673/4 Northampton

County in Virginia.

The marke of Margaret M Hagamond Seale
signed and sealed in the presence of Thomas F Foware
Samuel Tomlinson
William Westerhouse

The second of March 1673 acknowledged in open court by the said Margaret Hagamond as her wall
de and deed Test. Dan. Merch. Dept. Com.

Recorded 23 of April 1674 Daniel Nerch.

Memoranda that I the said Margaret Hagamond notwithstanding ye omission of it in the previous
document deed do hereby declare my aforementioned daughters Comfort and Patience to be att age
att fourteen years (in case they marry not before,) be given them as before hereon indicated I hereby
now given them to which I have likewise subscribed my hand and fixed my seale this 2nd day of
March 1673.

Margarett M Hagamand her marke

Test: Dan. Nerch
Owen Marsh

The second of March acknowledged likewise in open court by ye said Dan. Neach.

Northampton County Orders, Etc. (1673), X, 66ff.

JOHN HUDSON

-1677

In the name of God Amen, I John Hudson of Northampton County in Acamack in Virginia planter being in good health and sound and perfect memory doe make and ordayne this my last will and testament...

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my very loving friend Robert Collier immediately after my decease all that my plantation called by the name of ???ndson with all and every the lands, etc. being in Dorset County in the province of Maryland I late had to purchase of the said Robert Collyer by deed of fee.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto Thomas Purnell son of Thomas Purnell of Ackamack aforesaid planter after my demise one yearling cow calfe. I further give unto Robert Collyer five cowes belonging and of right and now in the hands of Edward Joynes and Cezar Godwin.

ITEM: I give unto Robert Collyer one iron gray mare and one black horse colt. I further give unto him my tobacco, etc.

JOHN HUDSON

Seal

Signed Sealed
James Dashiell
John Haynes

Accomack County Va. Original will of 1677 in Md. Hall of Records, Box H, folder 139.

WILLIAM ENNIS, SR.
-1681/1684

In the name of God Amen, this fourth day of October in ye year of Our Lord God one Thousand six hundred and eighty anno dom. William Innis Sen. Being stricken in years and very weak and infirm of body continually expecting any dissolucons (yet notwithstanding praise be given to god) of sound perfect memory and understanding and knowing y uncertainty of this mortall life I am desirous to settle things in order before I end ye same.

I do therefore make this my last will and testament in manner and form following--that is to say: first and principally I committ my soul unto ye hands of God my Creater and Jesus Christ my redeemer and my body I committ to ye earth from whence it was taken when it shall please God to putt an end to my life to be buried in such Christian and convenient order of comely manner as to my executors hereafter named and to such worldly estate as yet lord hath given me, my absolute will and meaning is that ye same shall be employed and bestowed as hereafter by this my will is menconed expressed contained and first I do hereby renounce revoke frustrate and make utterly void and null any and every wills by me formerly made and I do now declare this to be and remain my last will and testament.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my son William Innis one feather bed and the furniture thereunto belonging and one third part of all my pewter and two Russian Leather Chairs to be possessed of them after my decease.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my daughter Frances Poynter as a lagacie of my love unto her one heiffer with calfe to be possessed thereof and ye increase thereof for ever after my decease.

Item: I give unto my two sons Nathaniel and Cornelius Innis ye land and plantacion whereon I now live containing by measure six hundred acres of land more or less. I give bequeath ye said six hundred acres of land in equall moities or halfes betwixt my said two sons Nathaniel and Cornelius appointing and willing ye divisional line for ye perpetuall bounds between each of my said sons shall begin at a certain leaning white oak tree marked and standing close on a branch side which branch runs or leadeth into ye marsh lying easterly from ye up land and is adjacent to ye improved land on which my son Nathaniell now liveth and from ye said white oak ye first branches ye said division line shall be so run and shall so range throughout ye said tract of 6 hundred acres of land as may divide ye same into just and equall moities betwixt my two said sons Nathaniell and Cornelius.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my said son Nathaniel ye moiety of my said land and plantacion whereon he is now seated. I give and bequeath ye same to him and his heyres forever together with all ye proffits benefits and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining except which is hereafter excepted and reserved for my son Cornelius and his heyres for ever that is to say It is excepted and reserved and by this my will and testament ordained and appointed that my son Cornelius and his heyres forever shall from ye day of my decease have hold and use occupie and

enjoy ye one moiety of all building timbers & board timber that shall be found upon ye said tract of land given and bequeathed unto my son Nathaniel, but ye said land to with ye one just moiety of my plantation bequeathed as aforesaid. I give and bequeath ye same being three hundred acres of land unto my said son Nathaniel during his life and to his heyres forever to possess ye same at my decease.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my son Nathaniel during his life free leave and liberty to take and make use of which logg timber he may have occasion for out of ye dividend of ye land bequeathed and to be given and bequeathed unto my son Cornelius.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my son Nathaniel Innis one feather bed and furniture and one both of which he is already possesst aforesaid.

Item I give and bequeath unto my son Cornelius Innis ye moiety of my said plantacion which is now in my present occupation and improvement containing and to contain three hundred acres of land more or less as I have willed and appointed a certain divisionall line to run and to range as aforesaid. I give and bequeath ye said dividend of land together with all ye houses edifices and buildings which now is or hereafter shall be erected sett up or built thereon with ye orchard and orchards which now is and hereafter may be with all ye benefits, proffits, commodities hereditaments, conveniences and appurtenances which now are or hereafter may in any wise appertain or belong unto ye said moiety of land whereon I am now settled and give and bequeath ye same (except lot timber which I have given my son Nathaniel as abovesaid) without any other and manner of exception or reservation unto my son Cornelius and unto his heyres for ever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my said son Cornelius Innis the following particulars of household stuffs next hereafter mentioned expressed to witt: one my largest iron pott, one iron dripping pan, one third part of all my pewter of all sorts and kinds, one old chest, my largest chest, one other fair chest which I bought of Colonel Custiss, two Russian Leather chairs, one hogshhead of feathers and my corne mill, ye which mill I appoint will and commend that all or any of my children shall and may use at all times convenient for their family occasions. I give and bequeath ye said moiety of my plantacion with all and every ye appurtenances together with all ye said goods and household stuffe unto my son Cornelius to be possessed of them after my decease.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my daughter Parthenia Smock one feather bed and furniture which she hath now in her possession.

Item I give and bequeath Preciss my feather bed with Darnix Curtains and all furniture thereto belonging with her mother's chest and two russian leather chairs to be possessed of them at my decease.

Item, I give and bequeath my personal estate that is to say: My stock of chattels, my stock and

horses, my stock of swine my stock of sheep and all debts due and owing unto me from any and all persons. I give and bequeath all wholly and singularly my said estate personal that now is or shall be found at my decease and in my possession in ye use occupation and tuition of any and all my sons to witt: William, Nathaniell, Samuel and Cornelius. I give and bequeath ye said estate with all ye produce increase and improvements therefore and of which special and thereof for ever. I give and bequeath ye same estate unto my four sons and my said two daughters to be equally divided amongst them all in just and even proportions after my decease.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my son Cornelius all my estate of moveables not already given and bequeathed. That is to say, my cart and horse furniture, all my tools and utensills wares, goods and commodities stuff and thing and things which forever nothing excepted or reserved which I have not given bequeathed and aforesaid. I give and bequeath ye same unto my son Cornelius to possess ye same after my decease. Item, I give and bequeath (in case my son William Innis shall die without naturall issue lawfully begotten of his body, I give and bequeath all wholly and singularly which I have given to him unto his said three brothers and his two sisters Parthenia and Percis or to such and so many of his said relations as shall survive and outlive him my said son William to be equally divided amongst them his brothers and sisters as aforesaid after his decease. And this I declare to be my absolute and irrevocable will and meaning and concerning my said son William Innis and concerning which I have given unto him as aforesaid.

ITEM: I give and bequeath (my son Cornelius dying without heirs) I give and bequeath ye land and plantation before bequeathed unto him, unto my son Samuel and his heirs forever to be possessed thereof at my son Cornelius' demise together with all ye appurtenances belonging to ye said land and plantacion, nothing excepted or reserved but in all respects and to all intents and purposes as I gave it to my said son Cornelius so and not otherwise to I give and bequeath ye same unto my son Samuel and his heyres for ever.

In case ye Lord disposes of my son Cornelius by death and that he deceases before brethren and sisters aforesaid, and without lawfull issue as aforesaid, then I give and bequeath and wholly ye estate which I have bequeathed unto him my said son Cornelius unto my other three sons and two daughters. I give and bequeath ye said estate to them or such of them as shall be surviving at my son Cornelius his decease to be divided among them my children aforesaid. in just and equall proportions, and this I declare to be my absolute will concerning and appertaining to all and whatsoever. I have bequeathed appointed and ordered for and unto my said son Cornelius Innis whom I appoint will and ordain my heirs and after my decease.

ITEM: I, ye said William Innis, Sr. of Somerset County and province of Maryland whose last will and testament be truly observed fulfilled and attended.

ITEM: I have nominated appointed and entrusted and authorized and by unto hereof do nominated appoint entrust and authorize my trustie and well beloved son in law Thomas Pointer and my loving friend Samuel Hopkins ye executors of this my last will and testament. And for satisfaction confirmation and conclusion of this my last will and testament, I ye said William Innis Senior have

in ye presence of ye witnesses, whose names are hereunto subscribed putt to my hand and fix my
seale ye seventh day of July anno.dom. one thousand six hundred and eighty one.

Signed sealed and delivered in ye presence of

John Osborne

Mathew Scarborough

Edward Smith

William Innis

1684, October 28. Underneath this will was thus written the above written will was in common form
proved by ye oaths of John Osborne, Mathew Scarborough and Edward Smith, witnesses to ye same.

Sworne before me--William Stevens.

Md. Prerogative Court Wills, 4, 62-63.

HENRY BISHOP, SR. WILL

1685

The will of HENRY BISHOP, SENIOR OF SOMERSET COUNTY 1685
Will written December 23, 1685.

ITEM: to two sons Henry and Aaron, 12 pence.

ITEM: to two sons John and George to have land where I now live where I lately built a dwelling house, 200 acres.

ITEM: to my son George

ITEM: to my wife Anne I leave two lotts in Snow Hill with houses, edifices, etc., all cattle, horses, swyne, creatures of all kinds, all moveables, household stuff, servants, utensils.

ITEM: I name my wife, executrix.

HENRY BISHOP Sr.

WITNESS: Samuel Hopkins
Francis Joyce
Arcibh Erskin
Edward Hammond
David Selby

Probated January 16, 1686/1687

Matthew Parker and Samuel Hopkins are the appraisers.

Maryland Prerogative Court Wills. 4, 248.

AMBROSE DIXON

- 1686

In the name of God, Amen. The seventh day of April in the year of our lord God one thousand six hundred and eighty six I, Ambrose Dixon of Somersett County in the province of Maryland, planter being sick in body but of good and perfect memory, thanks be unto Almighty God and calling to remembrance the uncertain state of this transitory life, and that all flesh must yield unto death when it shall please God to call, doe make, constitute, ordain and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following revoking and annulling by these presents all and every testament and testaments will and wills heretofore by me made and declared whether by word or writing and this to be taken only for my land will and testament and none other. And first being penitent and sorry from the bottom of my heart for my sins past most humbly desiring forgiveness for the same. I give and commit my soul until Allmighty God my saviour and redeemer, in whom and by the meritts of Jesus Christ, I trust and believe assuredly to be saved and to have full remission and forgiveness of all my sins and that my soul with my body at the day of resurrection shall rise again with joy and through the meritts of Christ death and passion possess and inherit the kingdom of heaven prepared for his elect and chosen. And my body to the earth to be buried decently at the discretion of my executrix hereafter named and now for the settling of my temporal estate and debts as it hath pleased God have above my deserts, to bestow, upon me, give and dispose, the same in manner and form following. That is to say, first of all those debts and _____ that I owe in right or conscience in manner of person or persons whatsoever shall be well and content and paid or ordained to be paid within convenient time after my deceased by my executrix hereafter named.

I give and bequeath unto my daughter ELIZABETH the wife of ROBERT DUKES--after my wife's decease, one negro woman called Betty Ginny and her increase to have and to hold to her the said Elizabeth to six her heirs and assigns for ever, also I give unto my said daughter Elizabeth one horse which her husband Robert Dukes lately for me to have and to hold to her the said Elizabeth her heirs and assigns for ever to be delivered to her on order presently after my decease--

I give and bequeath unto my grand child THOMAS POTTER son of HENRY POTTER one cow and calf to be for his use, presently after my decease, to have and to hold the said cow and cow calf with their future increase of both male and female increase for ever also I give and bequeath my said grandchild Thomas Potter one mare and her female increase to have and to hold the said mare and her female increase to him the said Thomas Potter his heirs and assigns for ever presently after my decease also I give and bequeath unto my said grandchild Thomas Potter one young female negro to be delivered after my wife's decease and the said to have and to hold the said negro and increase to him the said Thomas Potter his heirs and assigns for ever. And further it is my will and desire that the said Thomas Potter be put to school there to learn reading, writing and arithmateck.

I give and bequeath unto my son in law EDMOND BEAUCHAMP one cow and calf and their increase, to have and to hold the said cow and calf and their increase both male and female to him the said Edmond Beauchamp, his heirs and assigns for ever to be delivered to him and his heirs presently after my decease, also I give and bequeath unto my said son in law Edmond, one young black mare called Janney, ye youngest to him to have and to hold the mare and her increase both male and female to him ye said Edmond his heirs and assigns for ever. Presently after my decease to be delivered to him ye said Edmond his order--

I give and bequeath unto ELIZABETH WILLSON the wife of George Willson of the county of Somerset Planter one mare of a bay coullor with a white starr in her forehead called by the name of Jenney to be delivered presently after my decease to have and to hold said mare and her increase both male and female to her the said Elizabeth her heirs and assigns for ever.

I give and bequeath unto my wife's son HENRY PEDINGTON one negro given about ten years of age and to have and to hold the said negro and her increase to him the said Henry Pedington, his heirs and assigns for ever to be delivered presently after my wife's decease.

I give and bequeath unto JAMES BROWNE of this county planter one thousand pounds of good merchantable tobacco in cask to be paid to the said James Browne or his assigns on or before the _____ of December next after my decease.

(Somerset County Will Book EB #5, folios 165-166)

RICHARD HILL, SR.
-1686

In the name of God Amen, this 28th day of March in the year of our lord God 1686 Richard Hill of Somerset being of whole mind and in good and perfect memory praise be to Almighty God make and ordain this my present testament consisting in my last will. . .First I commend my soul unto Almighty God my maker and Redeemer and my body to be buried in decent like manner. . . and name my executors Willmot Hill and Richard Hill.

Imprimus: I give and bequeathe unto my well-beloved wife Willmot Hill my plantation that now I live on called by the name of Husbans Care.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto Willmot my wife all my worldly estate viz. cattle horses mares moveables or unmoveable of which kind forever they be except one gray mare hers and one gray bay hers with a white spot on his face my said wife to possess and enjoy all my above said estate during her life. and after my said wife shall decease this life I will that my sonne Richard Hill shall possess and enjoy the above said plantation and estate which shall be his heirs forever but if the said Richard Hill shall depart this life without issue of his own body lawfully begotten that then I will that the said plantation and estate shall be return unto William and Ann Wouldhave or to the heirs of their body lawfully begotten. This witnesseth

RICHARD RH Hill (Seal)

Sealed in presence of us:
Jonathan Towers
John IC Collins

Thursday being ye 26th day of August 1686 came before me Jonathan Towers and John Colson and said that they saw Richard Hill Senior deceased sign seal and deliver this will.

EDWARD SMITH, SR.
- 1687 (April)

In the name of God Amen, this 14th day of April 1687 in ye third year of ye reign of sovereign Lord King James ye second. I Edward Smith of ye county of Somerset province of Maryland being sick and weak in body, but of sound and perfect memory praise be given to God for ye same and knowing ye uncertainty of this life on Earth and being desirous to settle things in order do make this my last will and Testament. In manner and form following: That is to say first and principally, I commend my soul to Almighty God my Creator assuredly believing that I shall receive full pardon and free remission of all my sins and saved by ye precious death and merits of my blessed Saviour and Redeemer Christ Jesus. And my body to ye earth from whence it was taken. To be buried in such decent sound Christian manner as my executor hereafter named, etc.

First: I bequeath unto my loving wife who is my executrix of this my last will and testament two tracts of land: the one called Golden Quarter containing three hundred acres and ye other called Ripley containing four hundred acres. Likewise I give unto my aforesaid executrix my two negroes and my Englishwoman Servant during her life and then to return to my daughters Martha and Elizabeth. Likewise, I give and bequeath unto my aforesaid executrix all my goods, debts and chattles, three feather beds excepted. That is to say, I give two feather beds and all furniture unto my daughters Martha and Elizabeth. And one bed bolster rug and blankets, unto Ann Ennis, my granddaughter. And that my said executrix shall make unto my daughter Martha stock or cattle or goods as my daughter Elizabeth is now at Golden Quarter.

Further, I do give unto my daughters MARTHA and ELIZABETH two tracts of land adjoining --one of which is called Last Choice containing seven hundred acres and ye other called Unity containing three hundred acres to be equally divided between them.

And further I do give and bequeath unto ROBERT PERRIE one tract of land containing two hundred acres of land called Bangrove. I give and bequeath unto my Daughter ANNE VIGOROUS ye sum of twelve pence sterling. I further give and bequeath unto my two cousins JONATHAN and ARMWELL SHOWELL two coves and calves with all their female increase. I give and bequeath unto my grandchild CORNELIUS ENNIS two cows and calves with their female increase, and I give unto my grandchild PERSY INNIS one yearling mare with her increase and unto my daughter MARY ye sume of twelve pence sterling and to my brother SHOWELL all my wearing clothes. In witness whereof I have thereunto set my hand and sealed the day and year above mentioned. Before signing and sealing that in case my wife should die before my two daughters Martha and Elizabeth come to age then I request that William and James Round are to care for them and of which belongs to them.

Vera copiae

Signed and sealed in the presence of us:

Witnesses Michael Howard and Mary Osmon and James Round

Samuel Davis
and John Deal

James Round EDWARD S SMITH (Seal)

The day aforesaid Anne Smith executrix of the will came forward.
(Somerset Judicials, August 1692-June 1693, folios 246-247)

EDWARD SMITH, SR.

-1687

In the name of God Amen, this 14th day of April 1687 in ye third year of ye reign of sovereign Lord King James ye second. I Edward Smith of ye county of Somerset province of Maryland being sick and weak in body, but of sound and perfect memory praise be given to God for ye same and knowing ye uncertainty of this life etc.etc.etc.

I bequeath unto my loving wife who is my executrix of this my last will and testament two tracts of land: the one called Golden Quarter continuing three hundred acres and ye other called Ripley containing four hundred acres. Likewise I give unto my aforesaid executrix my two Negroes and my Englishwoman Servant during her life and then to my daughters Martha and Elizabeth I give and bequeath unto my aforesaid executrix all my goods and chattels three feather beds excepted. That is to say two feather beds and all furniture unto my two daughters Martha and Elizabeth. And one bed bolster rugg and blanketts unto Ann Ennis, my granddaughter and that my said executrix shall make unto my daughter Martha stock of cattle or goods as my daughter Elizabeth is now at Golden Quarter.

Further I do give and bequeath unto my daughters Martha and Elizabeth two tracts of land adjoining one of which is called Last Choice containing seven hundred acres and ye other called Unity continuing three hundred acres to be equally divided between them Further I do give and bequeath unto Robert Perrie one tract of land containing two hundred acres of land called Bangrove. I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Anne Vigorous ye sum of twelve pence sterling I further give and bequeath unto my two couzins Jonathan and Armewell Showell two coves and calves with their females issue and I give unto my grandchild Persy Innis one yearling mare with her increase and unto my daughter Mary ye sume of twelve pence sterling and to my brother Showell all my wearing clothes.

....In case my wife should die before my two daughters Martha and Elizabeth come to age then William and James Round are to care for them and of which belongs to them.

Vera copiae
Witnesses Michael Howard
Mary Osmon
James Round
Samuel Davis
John Deal
James Round

EDWARD SMITH SR.

EDWARD SMITH, JUNIOR

-1687

Edward Smith, Jr. planter of Somerset County, in ye province of Maryland. . .deceased wills as follows:

ITEM: to my loving wife Piercie, one feather bed and furniture belonging unto it and 10 head of cattle with my father's mark with all their increase.

ITEM: to my uncle Samuell Showell's son Charles one cow.

ITEM: to my wife six head of horses and mares with their increase

ITEM: to my uncle Showell's daughter Mary, one cow.

ITEM: I bequeath unto my dear mother my riding horse called "Button".

ITEM: to Armwell and Jonathan Showell one featherbed and furniture.

ITEM: I leave all else to my dear wife except my hand mill which, if my wife marries, is to be delivered to my brother Samuel Innis his son Cornelius for it is my free gift unto him.

ITEM: Edward Wale and Nathaniel Innis are to be my executors.

EDWARD SMITH (SEAL)

Wit: John Snow, William Tompkins, and George Latcham.

Will written March 29, 1687 and probated August 19, 1687.

JOHN HAGAMAN

-1688

In the name of God Amen, I JOHN HAGAMAN of the county of Northampton in Virginia being sick and weake of body but of sound and perfect sense and memory praised be Almighty God doe make and ordaine this my last will and testament in name and forme as followeth:

Imprimis: I bequeath my Soule unto the hands of Almighty God my Creator from whom I received the same, hoping and trustinge to receive pardon and commission of all my sins through the alone meritts of Jesus Christ my only Savior and blessed Providence my body I commit to the Earth from whence it came to be decently interred accordinge to the Instruction of my Executrix hereafter mentioned and named and as for what earthly estate it hath pleased God to Endow me with all I scatter abroad as followeth (vizt.)

I will and bequeathe unto my Lovinge Brother ISAAC HAGAMAN or to his heirs for ever one grey mare branded S J and her Encrease for ever, as also one Blacke Cow with a white face marked with in youre proper marke and her future Encrease for ever also one Blackish grey Ewe, and her future increase to him and his heirs forever and one black wither, also one Red Sow with black Spots and her future Encrease for ever. Provided always ye that above mentioned creatures be alive when demanded after my decease.

I will and bequeath unto my lovinge Brother SAMUEL TOMLINSON one Ewe one cow calfe with all their future encrease to him and his heirs for ever.

I will and bequeath unto my Deare and lovinge Mother Margaret Tomlinson one brownish Cow now runninge in Mabehe Neck with her future Encrease for ever, Exceptinge the calfe supposed to be in fuller form here, or may this Springe come of her, provided the said Cow shall be alive when demanded after my decease.

I will and bequeath unto my loving sister PATIENCE ATKINSON two younge Sowes with all their future Encrease forever.

I will and bequeath unto my loving sister Comfort now the wife of William Andrews. Two younge sowes with all their future encrease for ever;

I will and bequeath unto my loving cousin Margaret Andrews the daughter of my loving brother -in-law William Andrews one cow calfe with all her future encrease for ever and to bee delivered her the next spring after my decease.

I will and bequeath unto my loving cousin Nathaniel the son of my said brother in law William Andrews one ewe lambe with her future encrease for ever and to be delivered the next spring after my decease.

I will unto my lovinge Cousin Rachell ye Daughter of James Atkinson one ewe lambe with all her future encrease for ever and to bee delivered the next spring after my decease.

I will and bequeath unto my lovinge cousins Frances and Elizabeth both the daughters of Joseph Warren one ewe lambe a piece with all their future encrease for ever to them and their heirs for ever and to bee delivered the next springe after this coming which may be about February or March twelfth month.

I give and bequeath unto Andrew, the son of said Andrew Andrews decd. one Mare colt with all her future encrease for ever and to bee delivered the next springe after my decease.

I give and bequeath unto my much respected friend Mrs. Bridget Foxcroft one pair of silver

Ear wires to be delivered Immediately after my decease.

I give and bequeath unto John Jennings for his tender and troubles in looking after me in my sickness: two pair of new shoes and one pair of new stockins.

My will and desire is that whereas Mr. John Watts is indebted unto me eight hundred pounds of tobacco and caske and I considering his poverty doe freely give him one half of the same which my execs. to take of the said Watts then four hundred pounds of Tobacco and to discharge him from any further debt.

I doe hereby name and appointe and assign my deare and lovinge wife SARAH HAGAMAN executrix of this my last will and testament unto whom I give and bequeath all the rest of my said estate (my debts legacies and funerall expences being first paid and satisfyed. But in case my said loving wife as it may please god should dye without issue of the body that then my will and desire is that what I have herein bequeathed unto my said loving wife as executrix shall be divided between my before mencioned Cozins (viz.) Nathaniel and Margaret Andrews and Rachell Atkinson and Frances and Elizabeth Warren to have each of them half as much as one of the other three. Hereby revoking and making Null and Void all foregoing wills and bequeaths by me made and done and this only to be my last will and testament without contradiction. In testimony whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and affixed my seale this THIRD DAY OF MAY in the Year of OUR LORD GOD ONE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED AND EIGHTY AND EIGHT.

Signed, sealed, published and declared in the presence of Us

Walter Young

William Littlehouse

Owen Marsh

John Haggaman (Seal)

A codicil unto the afore mentioned will, whereas it is omitted I the said will that I the testator do will and bequeath and my desire is that my lovinge wife (after my debts and legacies being first paid shall have the disposing of one hole third part of my estate hereby left in my foregoing will--and if in case my request and desire is that my loving brother in law Richard Nottingham Jr. and Joseph Warren to be my ffeofees in trust he oberlee that my last will and testament may be fully and effeentially performed and accomplished deeding the true interest and meaning thereof.

John Hagaman (seal)

signed sealed the above day

Walter Young

William Littlehouse

Owen Marsh

The 28th day of May A dom. 1688 then or thereabouts of John Hagaman deceased was proved in open court by the corporate oaths of Walter Younge, William Littlehouse, and appraised and ordered to be Recorded

Dan Marcel

Dan Nock

Joh. Northam (Etc.)

Northampton County Wills, etc. 1688.

THOMAS LAMPING

- 1688

In the name of the father and of the son and of the Holy Ghost Amen. The last will and testament of Thomas Lamping, being in perfect senses I do bequeath all my reall and personall estate which I possessed in my lifetime unto my wife ELIZABETH LAMPING only my gunn I do bequeath to my little son THOMAS LAMPING JUNIOR. But if my son should die before he comes to age then the gunn or the value to be given unto my daughter ANNABELLA, and I desire that there may be a cow calf given unto my godson PETER PARKER, JUNIOR. It being my will and bequest which I have set my hand and seale this ninth day of June 1687.

THOMAS X LAMPING (SEAL)

Signed sealed in the presence of us:

Peter Parker

William Facit

John Foster

Memorandum: that on ye 14th day of October 1688 came William Facit and did make oath that he did see Thomas Lamping sign and seale the within mentioned as his last will and testament, the other two witnesses, to wit, John Foster, and Peter Parker have departed out of this province and it is said that they are gone to Roanoke. James Round.

(Somerset County Will Book, EB #5, folio 147)

ANNE SMITH, WIDOW OF EDWARD
- 1688

A memorandum of severall goods and chattels given by Mrs. Ann Smith and to be delivered to the persons hereafter mentioned upon her decease.

IMPRIMUS: To ANN ARMWELL ELIZABETH MARY FRANCES, the children of Dr. John Vigorous I give and Bequeath five cows with their female increase to run in common until Ann Vigorous the eldest child come to age. And then to be equally divided -----all cows to be of Mr. Edward Smith's proper mark. In particular to Elizabeth Vigorous, I give and bequeath one yearling heifer, with her female increase.

ITEM: I leave to ELIZABETH VIGOROUS one pewter dish, one pair of sheets, one pewter plate and one small chest with a padlock.

ITEM: to my grandchild ANN VIGOROUS I leave and bequeath one Bible.

ITEM: to my daughter ANN VIGOROUS I leave and bequeath my feather bed with all the furniture belonging to it with one bedstead, one iron pott of the biggest size, and one pewter porringer. One black crape peticote and crape gown and one Scots cloth shift and one grey apron.

ITEM: to PERCY ANN and CORNELIUS the children of Samuel Innis, I leave and bequeath three cows and their female increase to be equally distributed Amongst them--when the eldest child comes to age. And until that time to run in Common.

ITEM: To ANN INNIS, I leave and bequeath one pewter dish and one pair of sheets and one pewter plate and one small chest made of Ash plank.

ITEM: to my daughter MARY ENNIS, one pewter porringer, one pair of sheets and one sagg petticoate, a parragon [penragon?] boddeys, one gay petticote, one Scots cloth shift, one Scots cloth Apron, and one black hood.

ITEM: to my son RICHARD HILL, my brother SHEWELL, and Daughter ELIZABETH SMITH, I leave and bequeath my Boat as equal owners and partners.

ITEM: to Richard Hill my son and Elizabeth [Inness is written in one of the copies of the will, yet the other one does not give a last name for Elizabeth] my daughter I leave one horse named Black Button, marked with a figure of three and one upon the further buttock.

ITEM: I bequeath upon the said Richard Hill my white horse upon condition that he give to Samuel Davis, minister, a mare or horse.

ITEM: To my brother SAMUEL SHEWELL, I leave and bequeath my bay brown Mare at present in his possession and two musketts.

ITEM: For the use of the plantation, I leave my cart jointly to my son Richard Hill and my Daughter Elizabeth;

ITEM: To my daughter MARTHA HILL one drugget petticoate, one doulass shift and one Holland apron and a laced handkerchief and one Qulife and one mare of a sorrell colour branded.

ITEM: one gunn.

ITEM: To my daughter Elizabeth Smith I leave and bequeath my handmill, two pewter dishes, one bason, one chamber pott, two plates, a dozen of spoons, one half of ye pewter, the other half dozen allomy, one blanket, one bed pan, one warming pann, one pewter candlestick, one pewter salt Seller, one tin sauce pan, one tin collendar, one pewter tumbler, one pewter dram cup, understand ye the two plates, the bason, and chamberpot are pewter.

ITEM: One white peticote, one fine doulass shift; one laced handkerchief and Querffean, black scarfe, one iron spitt, one chest of drawers. One couch, two chests, two leather chairs and all other and particulars not already in the premises, bequeathed.

ITEM: I bequeath unto her my dark bay horse called Robben, branded with one S. Likewise my dark bay mare called Jenny, branded with S.

ITEM: one white Bunntin, one white Apron.

ITEM: my Bible, one small Sermon Book, writt by Increase Matther of Boston.

ITEM: three Ewes and gunn.

The truth of the premises I wittness with my hand and seale. This 13th day of August Anno 1688.

Witnesses: Samuel Davis

John Johnson

Ann X (her MARK) Smith

8ber ye last, 1688.

Memorandum of more particulars bequeathed the 21st day of August, 1688.

ITEM: To Jonathan and Armwell the sons of Samuel Shewell I bequeath to each of them one ewe.

ITEM: I leave to my brother Samuel Showell one roem [ram] and a weather.

ITEM: I leave twelve hides and four skins which are to be tanned and dressed by William Richardson to be equally divided amongst my brother Samuel Shewell and my sons in law, Dr. John Vigorous, Samuel Ennis, Richard Hill, and my daughter Elizabeth as likewise what work John Rogers owes me and six hundred pounds of tobacco to be equally divided amongst the before named. Likewise a parcel of hemp for the same work to be so divided. As witnesseth my hand and seal this 21st of August 1688.

Witnesses: Samuel Davis, William Innis. Ann Smith (Her Mark X)

The 12th day Dr. John Vigorous made oath before us upon the holy evangels according to the form of the administration oath and will and truly administer the goods and chattels of ye said Ann Smith. The 14th day of the month aforesaid John Smock and William Richardson appeared appointed of the goods and chattels aforesaid and took the oath before me Samuel Hopkins (Seal). The aforegoing will recorded the sixth day of June one thousand eight hundred and eight under the direction of the Orphans Court of Worcester County.

(Worcester County Will Book, MH #3, pp.22-23.)

NATHANIEL ENNIS

-1692

To all persons to whom these persons shall come greetings: in the name of the lord god eternal, knowing the uncertainty of this life and that I may shortly lay down this body of clay being at present weak in body but strong in memory, having my memory perfect and being willing to settle my worldly goods and chattels before I dye I give commit my soul to God the father of Mercy and my body to be decently interred by my executors as they shall so desire and by believing that my soul shall be saved by Jesus christ from my original and actual sinnes and that both soule and body glorified shall live to praise God when he shall come to judge all his sonnes by Jesus Christ whose blood doth wash away the sins of the world, therefore knowing the weakness of my body do make my last will and testament ordaining my well-beloved wife Mary Innis my sole executrix to what temporal estate which the Lord in his mercy hath love and bestowed upon me, giving and bequeathing the sums in manner following:

ITEM, first, I give and bequeath to my three sons seaven hundred acres of land to them and their heirs forever and to be quickly possessed thereon and sealed as followeth: My son Charles to seate and possess Cannarde my sonne William to enjoy and possess that land whereon I now dwell and my son Nathaniel to enjoy the rest after my decease to them and their heirs forever to be by them forever held as their own proper rights to the land by virtue of this my last will and testament.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary Innis and to my three sons before mentioned all my temporall goods movables and immovables to them and their heirs forever this being the sum and substance of my will in presence of the persons present I sett my hand and seale the same for the use of the persons before named being willing they should enjoy the same according to my will.

Dated the 22nd of January 1692.

Nathaniel N (his mark) Innis (seale)

Witness the subscribers saw the same signed and sealed

John Barron

Thomas Morris

Katherine K (her marke) Barricke

Memorandum: that this day being the 23rd of March, 1693 the above written will was in common form proved by the oaths of John Barron Thomas Morris and Katherine Barrick the above named witnesses before me. Samuel Hopkins deputy commmissary

Liber 6, 27 (rear of book); Md. Prerogative Court Wills, 1692. 6. 36.

Maryland Prerogative Court Wills, 4, 61-63.

JOHN SMOCKE

-1692

In the name of God Amen, the thirtieth day of January one thousand six hundred and ninety two. I John Smocke of the county of Sumersett in the Province of Maryland being weak in body but of good and perfect thanks be unto almighty God and calling to remembrance the uncertain state of this transitory life and that all of life must yield unto death when it shall please God to call: Do make concessions and deliver this my last will and testament in manner and form following: Revoking and annulling by these efforts all and every testament and testaments will and will hereto for by me made and declaring either by work or by writing and this to be made and declared when taken only for my last will and testament and now other and first being punished and sorry from the bottom of my hart for all my sins past most humbly asking forgiveness for the sins I give and commit my soul unto almighty God my Saviour and Redeemer in whom I by the mercy of Jesus Christ I trust and being assuredly to be saved and to have full remission and forgiveness of all my sins and that my soul with my body at the generall day of Resurrection shall rise again with Joy and through the merits of Christs death and passion possess the Kingdom of Heaven prepared for His obedient children and my body to be buried in such place where it shall please my executrix hereafter named to appoint that now for this settling of my temporal estate and several goods, chattels, and debts as it hath pleased God far Above my decease to bestow upon me I do order give and dispose the same in manner and forme following that is to say first I will that all those debts duties as I owe in right or conscience to any manner to person or persons shall be well and truly contented and paid within _____ time after my decease by my executrix hereafter named_ --- Item: I give and bequeath unto my loving wife Parthenia who is my executrix of this my last will and testament 200 acres of land joining upon the land whereon Nicholas Cornwall now liveth lately taken up by Mr. Edward Greene and bought of him by me and 200 acres now lying on the head of Back Creeke one the north side of St. martin's River called Turner's Hall the which two tracts I give unto my said executrix her heirs executors or assigns forever.

Item: I give unto my son Henry one black maire aged 5 years being branded with IS likewise I give and bequeath unto my said son 500 acres of land 200 whereof is the land on which I now live called Battchellor's Lott and one hundred acres more being part of the moiety of 300 acres called Yorkshire bought of Col. Stevens between Cade and me and 200 more called Conveniency which said five hundred acres of land I give and bequeath unto my said son his heirs executors administrators or assigns but in case ye maire above mentioned shall live to bring foule my will is that my daughter Mary and daughter Elizabeth have the two first which she brings and that all her increase afterwards is his.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my said executrix all the residue of my goods and chattels which shall at any time hereafter become due to me and my desire is that James and William Round be aiding and assisting in what they cane into my loving wife and executrix aforementioned in confirmation of all which I have hereunto sett my hand and seale the day and year first above written.

JOHN SMOCKE (Seale)

Signed and delivered in the hands of us
Cornelius Ennis © his mark
John Johnson
James Round

Memorandum: that this day being the 23rd day of March 1692/3 ye above written will was common
form proved by the oaths of James Round and Cornelius Ennis the above subscribed witnesses
before me Executrix within named also sworne before me.
Samuel Hopkins deputy commissioner

Md. Prerogative Court Wills, 1688-1700 Liber 6, 38 [in pencil it says 29] (at rear of volume)

MARY ENNIS

1693
deed of gift

May 24, 1693 "Know all men by those present that I Mary Innis of Somerset County have given and granted unto my son Charles Innis, one gelding called Bo Peep, bridle, saddle and a pair of bolsters and pistolls. To have and to hold the same forever. And to my son Nathaniel Innis, 4000 lbs. of tobacco to be laid out in land for the use of my said son Nathaniel and his heirs for ever and to my son William Innis brass mortar and pestal, 11 diaper napkins, 1 diaper table cloth to remain his and his heirs for ever and I do hereby ordain and appoint my three sons Charles, Nathaniel and William to be of age and to dispose of themselves and their estate in lands, goods at 18 years of age.

Mary Innis (Sealed)

Testes: William Whittington
Charles Radcliff
William Carles

Somerset County Judicial Records, 1692-1693, 246-247.

DANIEL ESHOM

-1693

In the name of God Amen, June the 22nd 1693. The last will and Testament of DANIEL ESHAM Senior in Northampton County in Virginia though very sick and weake of body yet of perfect sense and memory--(blessed be Almighty God for it). I give and bequeath my soule to Allmighty God who gave it to me and my body to the Earth from whence I came ordering a decent buriall as a Christian ought to have and as for worldly estate I give and bequeath as followeth (viz).

IMPRIMIS: I give and bequeath unto my son JOHN ESHAM -- beginnings on the plantation where I now live on the full quantity of three hundred acres of land with all the houses and orchards and appurtenances belonging to him and his heires lawfully begotten of his body for ever and failing heires of his body after my son John's decease to be given to my son Daniel Esham and his heires for ever begotten of his bodye and so I do entayle the said land from ye next and nearest of heires he be given from heire to heire so to the last and longest liver of my heirs descending from my body and the bodys lawfully begotten of my said children successively descending to their naturall births to all my said children as in order herein expressed.

Item: When my debt is paid I give unto my son John Esham one featherbed, one paire of sheets, one paire of blanketts, and one red rugg, one hand mill to him and his heires for ever and that my said children may have privileges to grind at ye said mill if they think fit.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son Daniel Esham my plantation known by the name of GREENE BRANCH containing three hundred acres of land with all houses orchards fences and all appurtenances thereunto belonging to him and his heires for ever and for want of heires lawfully begotten of his body to my son John Esham and see the land to be entayled from heire to heire of my said children.

Item: I give to my son Daniel Esham one gunne.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son John Esham one featherbed more with furniture thereunto belonging and plough and weedinge harrow and hoe the said John Esham to pay my debts.

ITEM: I give to my son John Esham more to pay the debts one horse called Cob, one Bay mare called Pab and gunne.

Item: I give and bequeath my daughter JANE ESHAM the plantation that now John Addison lives upon with a hundred acres of land thereunto belonging during her natural life and after her death to my son John and his heires for ever and so from heire to heire of my said children. Two coves and feather bed, one paire of blanketts, one white Rugg and Iron Pott, I give to my Daughter Jane.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Margaret Dowman, one featherbed, two blankets, one bolster one barren cow with a dimple fact running at the greene Branch with her and her increase amongst her children. I give to my daughter Margaret a two yeare old Heifer that came of a cow called Coloe with all her increase forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Bartha ADDISON one round table, one browne three years old Heifer to her son John Addison one pyed heifer for her daughter Bridgett of three years old, they and their increase for ever and red three year old heifer to her daughter Susanna with her increase for ever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter ANN HICHINGS one leafe of a table, one mottle face brindle barron cow with her and her increase for ever I give to her daughter one ewe.

Item: I give all the rest of my sheepe between my son John and my Daughter Jane equally to be divided.

Item: I give to my daughter Margaret Dowman one pewter dish and to my daughter Addison one pewter dish, and to my daughter Anne Hichings one dish, to my son Daniel to be delivered by my son John what dishes he thinks fit.

Item: I give to my four children, Daniel, Margaret, Bartha, Anne one pewter plate and perrare(?).

All the rest of my pewter to bee equally between my son John and Daughter Jane. All the rest of my goods and chattels not given away by his will I give to my son John Esham whom I make my executrix and my will is that my son John keepe his sister Jane with him and bringe her up to education and maintaine her with good clothing and dyett while she shall attain to lawfull age or marriage and for her bringinge up in learning and education I give the rents of Green Branch plantation and the plantation where sister lives. During their leases and then to returne to my son Daniel rebuking all other wills I make this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I sett my hand and seale the day and yeare above written.

Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of us the marke of

Jone James

John Walker

Mary Lawrence

Daniel Esham (Seal)

the 28th day of September A dom 1693 then the aforegoing last will and testament of Daniel Esham Senior deceased was proved in open court by the severall oaths of Jone James Mary Lawrence and John Walker and approved of as an Publick probate and ordered to be recorded. Test. Daniel Nerch.
Northampton County Wills, 1693, 248-249

SAMUEL SHOWELL

- 1695

In the name of God Amen, the eighteen day of April 1695, I Samuel Showell of Somerset being in good health and of good and perfect memory thanks be unto Almighty God and calling to mind the uncertainty of this transitory life and that all flesh must yield unto death when it shall please God to call do make . . . my will I give and bequeath my soul unto Almighty God my Savior and Redeemer . . . and that my soul with my body at both general day of Resurrection shall rise again with joy and through . . . First, I will that all the debts and duties as I owe in right or conscience to any . . . of person or persons whatsoever shall be with us and truly contented and peace to be paid in a convenient time after my death by my loving sons who are also my executors.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my sons JONATHAN and ARMWELL and to their heirs forever all that tract or parcel of land called Crafton being ye same whereon I live containing eight hundred acres, my son Jonathon to have his moiety of ye said land on ye south side of ye same whereupon my plantation is seated. But in case the said Jonathan or Armwell should die without issue then I will and bequeath his moiety to be equally divided between the survivor of them and my youngest son Charles to be unto them and their heirs forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my son CHARLES one tract of land called Showell's Addition containing one hundred 66 acres adjoining to ye aforesaid tract of 800 acres his line butts in many places and intersects a branch by the name of Assawisning Branch taking in said land on ye one side and cutting off some land on ye ____ side, I will and bequeath my said son Charles to accept of ye said branch for his natural bound.

ITEM. I give unto my said Executors all my goods and chattels. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Samuel Showell (Seal)

Signed and sealed in presence of us: James Round, Edw. Greene, and John Parker

This collateral addition is made and is fussed to this my last will the 21st day of May 1695.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my daughter ANN HOWARD two ____ and land to be delivered and payed if any executor demands. I have sold unto James Hogg two hundred and ten acres of land 21 May, 1698.

Witnesses: James Hogge H (his mark); Thomas Morris, Robert RT Tier, these three evidences sworn before me S. Hopkins.

Annapolis: July 18, 1713. Then came before me Mr. John Parker of Somersett County and solemnly attested that the same John Parker subscribed as an evidence to the within with his hand writing and that is many years since he wrote the same and he verily believes he did it as an evidence to Captain Samuel Showell, his will and testament.

(Maryland Prerogative Court Wills, 1713, Volume __, page 111)

JOHN TARR

- 1695

In the name of God, Amen, I John Tarr of Pogadonorton in the Province of Maryland being of sound mind and of good and perfect memory considering all men are mortall and the time of death unknown doe therefore----the settling of my estate after my death make this my last will and testament in manner and form following:

FIRST: I make void all other of my common wills and testaments and doe leave my soul to God who gave it and my body to be buried in Christian manner hoping at the last day to be mayed into a Glorious and Happy being, and after my just debts and funerall charges paid I will and bequeath all the rest of my earthly estate as followeth:

FIRST: I give and bequeath to my son SAMUEL TARR one mare branded on thee foreshoulder with ST, one gunn commonly called mine and two hundred acres of land lying on the north side of a creek called Calkarat Creek in the Province of Maryland.

SECONDLY: I give and bequeath to my sons MICHAEL and JOHN four hundred acres of land lying on the south side of Calkarat Creek aforesaid to be equally divided between them both Michael and John.

THIRDLY: I give and bequeath unto my daughter MARY TARR one featherbed called my bed, one rugg and a pair of blankets belonging to the featherbed that is commonly called mine.

FOURTHLY: I give and bequeath all the rest of my goods and chattels of whatever nature or kind to be equally divided among my children Samuel, Michael, John and Mary and my wife an equal share and Walter Read and Frances Joynes I appoint to be my children's guardians and to see their equal share divided.

LASTLY: I do appoint and make my loving wife ELIZABETH TARR executrix of this my last will and testament to which I set my hand and seale this eleventh day of May in the year of our Lord God one thousand six hundred ninety and five.

The real seal of John JT Tarr

(Original Will of John Tarr, 1695 Folder at Hall of Records, Annapolis, Maryland)
(Worcester County Inventories, 1688-1742, JW #15, folio 223)

JOHN BISHOP, SENIOR

- 1696

[John Bishop Senior, planter of Somerset County. His will February 24, 1696.]

ITEM: to my sons GEORGE BISHOP, plantation with buildings and dwellings and orchards old field cleared by me, one feather bed and if George dies before he comes of age or is without issue, the property to go to my son DAVID at age 18.

ITEM: to my son CHARLES "KINGSFIELD", where Edward Teague formerly lived and the plantation where Michael Murphy now lives.

ITEM: to my son HENRY, the plantation where my mother lives near Snow Hill.

ITEM: to my dear wife MARY, the plantation where I live and a feather bed with all its furniture that I usually lay upon myself.

ITEM: to my son JOHN, a musket and one Chest called my Mother's chest and one cow and calf.

ITEM: to my son WILLIAM, one gunn which I purchased of Mr. Peart and one pewter dish and one cow and calfe. He is to stay with and in all things to be obedient to his mother until he is 21.

ITEM: to my daughter ANN, one pewter dish, one cow and calf and one yearling.

ITEM: to my daughter COMFORT, I leave one pewter dish, one cow and calf and one yeo.

ITEM: 50 acres of marsh "Honner's Choice" are to be sold by my wife Mary for maintenance of my children.

ITEM: to my daughter MARY, one pewter dish and one calf and one yeo with all their increase.

ITEM: I bequeath unto MATTHEW PATRICK and DORMAN PATRICK 200 acres of land called Reserve.

ITEM: I bequeath unto son BOWEN, one feather bed and tick purchased of Mr. Ephraim Willson and its furniture.

ITEM: To my son DAVID I bequeath one feather bed, table, trundle bedsted, and its furniture.

ITEM: I bequeath unto my dear and loving wife 1/3 of all movables.

ITEM: Each of my sons is to have a colt.

ITEM: all my sons are to be under their mother's control until age 21, except George who is to be set free at age 18. JOHN BISHOP SENIOR (SEAL)

Witnesses: Thomas Selby, Charles Williams, Robert Pierrie

Roger Patrick, Matthew Patrick

(Maryland Prerogative Court Wills, Volume 7, folio 265)

CHARLES RATCLIFF

-1696

In ye name of God Amen, I Charles Rackliffe of Somersett County being in good helthe of body and of sound and perfect mind and memory praise be to ye allmighty God for make (sic) this my last will and testament in manner and forme following that is to say first and principally I do commend my sole into ye hands of Almighty God hoping through ye meritts death and passion of my Savior Jesus Christ to have full and free forgiveness of all my sins and to inherit everlasting life and my body tp be decently buried as ye discretion of my executors hereafter named and as touching ye disposition of such temporal estate as it hath pleased God to bestow upon me I give and dispose thereof as followeth;

First I will ye my debts and fees charges shall be first paid and discharged.

ITEM: I give and bequeath eldest son Charles my plantation whereon I now dwell with seven hundred acres of land belonging to it. It to begin at ye line which divides my brother Wales land and mine that southern most line of my land and thereon to go as far as (Proffit?) Creek so running up ye south side of ye said land . . .

ITEM: I give unto my son Elias Rackliffe five hundred acres of land running from the . . .

ITEM: I give unto my sons Nathaniel Rackliffe and William that tract of land lying upon the south side of St. Martins River equally to be divided betwixt them and Nathaniel to have the plantation now seated.

ITEM: I give unto my well beloved wife two horses one called Mack (Mark?) the other called Slait and one white man called Bek.

ITEM: I give unto my son Elias one grey horse called Pisenbare.

ITEM: I give unto my sons Nathaniel and William four cows and access to each of these cows.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my son Charles Rackliffe one bed and furniture belonging.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my son Elias one bed and furniture belonging.

ITEM: I give unto my son Nathaniel one bed and furniture belonging.

ITEM: I give unto my son William one bed and furniture belonging.

ITEM: I give unto my son John one bed and furniture belonging.

ITEM: I give unto my well-beloved wife the choice of all the beds with furniture that I have and my son Charles ye next best.

ITEM: I give unto my well-beloved wife my great pot and the rest of ye pots to be divided amongst my children as she thinks fitting.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my loving wife eight cows and calves and five steers the largest that I have at my plantation at St. Martins.

ITEM: I give unto my son Elias three cows and calves.

ITEM: I give unto my daughter Mary three cows and calves.

ITEM: I give unto my daughter Mary one bed and furniture it is my will pleasure that my sons Elias, Nathaniel, William and John should be of age at the years of eighteen, and my daughter Mary at sixteen or the day of marriage.

ITEM: It is my will and pleasure that my son John shall have _____ thousand pounds of tobacco to be paid equally out of the rest of his brothers estates which I have now given them.. .

ITEM: I give unto my son John four heifer yearlings

ITEM: I give unto my daughter Mary four heifer yearlings.

ITEM: I give unto my son Charles and Elias, a horse, mill, and my loving wife to have a horse so long as she lives and to be . . .

ITEM: I give unto my son Charles one horse called Blackbutton.

ITEM: I give unto my son JOHN one grey mare with her yearling.

ITEM: I give unto my daughter Mary one black mare.

ITEM: I give unto my son Charles my pistols and furniture belonging.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my loving wife two Negroes one called Jack the other called Darnell (?) for seven years after which the said Negroes are to be returned to my son Charles.

ITEM: I give unto Elias Rackliffe one Negro woman called Mary.

ITEM: I give unto my son John one Negro child called by the name of Daniell.

ITEM: I give unto my wife Elizabeth a great chest and a trunk.

ITEM: I give unto my son Charles a small chest.

ITEM: I give unto my said wife Elizabeth a pair of heiredsiosis. (?)

ITEM: I give unto my son Charles a great tatachtan. (?)

ITEM: I give unto my son Charles the great cupboard.

ITEM: I give unto my wife the small cupboard.

ITEM: I give unto my son Charles the copper kettle.

ITEM: I give unto my son Elias my hoppersaddle.

ITEM: I give unto my son Nathaniel and William each of them a hackney saddle.

ITEM: I give my sheep and all the rest of my goods and chattles equally to be divided betwixt my wife and my children aforesaid.

It is my will and pleasure that my loving wife and my son Charles shall be my whole and sole executors after my decease. As witness this my seal and sign this the fourth day of February 1695/6.

CHARLES RACKLIFF

John Jackson (Mark)

John Wale (Seal)

John Boden (seal)

Memorandum that this will was proved by the oaths of JOHN Jackson JOHN Wale and John Boden all who swore upon the holy Evangelist that they saw the last will and testament. . . May 20, 1696. sworn before them as also executrix Elizabeth and Charles Rackliff.

Worcester County Wills, 1696 , MH3, fol. 39.

WILLIAM ROBINSON

- 1696

To the subscribers being in company with William Robinson as visitants when he lay sick some few hours before he died he prayed us to take notice that it was his will and desire that his executors son should not have all his land but that his land should be equally divided between his two sons and the said William Robinson did repeat the same many times over charging us to bear witness. Memorandum the thirteenth of February 1696 came Benjamin Cottman, Sr. and Benjamin Cottman Jr. and made oath to all above written and that it is the truth. John Winder

(Prerogative Court Wills of MD, Liber 6, 371)

JOHN TOWNSEND, SENIOR

- 1698

In the name of God Amen, I John Townsend Sr. of Somerset County in the province of MD planter being sick of body but of perfect memory praise be almighty God and calling to remembrance the uncertain estate of this transitory life and that all flesh must yield to death when shall please God to call doe make, constitute, ordayne I declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following: viz. revoking and annulling all former wills and testaments by me made either by word or by writing and this only to be taken for my last will and testament and noe other and first being penitent and sorry from the bottom of my heart for my sins past humbly desiring forgiveness for ye same I give and commit my soule to almighty God my savior and redeemer in whom and through the merits of Jesus Christ I trust and believe assuredly to be saved and that my soul with my body at the general day of resurrection shall rise again with joy to possess and inhabit the kingdom of heaven prepared for his elects and chosen and now for ye settling of my temporall estates and goods and chattles as it hath pleased Almighty God my deserts to bestow upon my I do order, give and dispose of same in manner and forme following, viz:

ITEM: I will that all those debts that I owe in right or conscience to any person or persons be well and trully satisfied and paid or ordained to be paid with in convenient time after my decease by my executor hereafter named and that my body be buried in decent and Christian like manner.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my son JOHN TOWNSEND JUNIOR a parcell of land conveying 200 acres called Oak Hall, likewise another parcell of land conveying 100 acres called Townsend's Discovery to him, his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my son SOLOMON TOWNSEND, Coventree, upon my wife's decease but in case my said Son Solomon die without issue then my son CHARLES TOWNSEND shall immediately possess the said land.

ITEM: I give and bequeath after my wife's decease unto my son CHARLES TOWNSEND my Negro woman called Betty but if it so happens that the said Negro Woman shall have any children before my said wife's decease that the said increase be at my said wife's disposal.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my son WILLIAM TOWNSEND my Negro boy Toby after my said wife's death.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my son JEREMIAH TOWNSEND 12 pence.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my son JAMES TOWNSEND 12 pence.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my daughter ELIZABETH wife of Robert Smith 12 pence.

ITEM: I give and bequeath the remaining part of my personal estate unto my well beloved wife ELIZABETH TOWNSEND and her children that remain with her but in case any of the said children shall marry and go away from their said mother then the said personal estate shall be divided and that person's share shall be delivered to him or her to take away, but the remainder shall continue with

their mother to be taken care of for the good of her said children that remain unto her in general. In writing and confirmation of what is before mentioned I have hereunto set my hand and seal this eighteenth day of May 1698.

JOHN TOWNSEND (Seal)

His mark IT

Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of us Henry (his Mark H) and Daniel Donnahoe (X his mark)

John Outen

Memorandum: that this 30th day of 7ber 1698 proof was made of the above will by the oaths of all the witnesses

(Worcester Wills, MH3, folio 43-44)

(Prerogative Court of Maryland Wills, Liber 6, page 179) (page at top says 180)

THOMAS WILSON, JUNIOR

- 1702

In the name of God, Amen. I Thomas Wilson, Junior of Somerset County in the province of Maryland being weak of body but of sound and perfect memory thanks be given to Almighty God for the same and calling to mind the uncertainty of this mortal life and being willing to settle things in order do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following: hereby annulling and making void all will or wills by me heretofore made either in word or writing and do declare this to be my last will and testament first and principally I commend my soul to God that gave it pure trusting to receive full pardon and remission of all my sins in and through the precious death and merriits of my dear redeemer Jesus Christ and my body to the earth from whence it was taken to be buried in such decent order as to my executor shall think fit and convenient and for such worldly estate as it hath pleased God and farr above my deserts, to bestow upon me my will and desire is the same be given and bestowed in manner and form as is hereafter set down and expressed----

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my daughter MARGARET WILSON one negro boy called Moses and one Jacobus piece of gold to her and her heirs to be delivered when she is fifteen years of age--

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my daughter ELIZABETH WILSON one negro boy called Tobie and one Jacobus piece of gold to her and her heirs to be delivered when she is fifteen years of age--

ITEM: It is my will and desire that my dear and loving wife ELIZABETH have and possess all my land and tenements whatsoever to me of right belonging and after her deceased the same to be equally divided between my two daughters and their heirs or assigns for ever--

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my loving brother EPHRAIM WILSON and to his now wife ELE[eanor?]twenty shillings to each of them to buy them each a mourning ring.

ITEM: It is my will and desire that what hath or may become due to me from my brother Ephraim Wilson as I am administrator of the estate of Coll. David Brown decd. for my allowance of ten percent be freely remitted to the said Ephraim Wilson he paying and allowing his part of the reasonable charge and in case of damage may appear by less in the appraisement or any others.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to PETER DENT for writing this my last will and testament the sum of twenty shillings sterling to buy him a mourning ring.

ITEM: It is my will and desire that all the rest of my personal estate after my debts that may appear just and due be paid and my funerall charges defrayed be equally divided between my loving wife and yoake fellow ELIZABETH WILSON and my two daughters MARGT and ELIZABETH WILSON and to their heirs and lastly I do hereby constitute, ordain and appoint my said loving wife ELIZA. WILSON and my dear loving brother EPHRAIM WILSON to be whole and sole executors of this my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and fixed my seal this twentieth day of April in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Two--

Sealed, signed, pronounced and declared to be the last will and testament of the above said Thos. Wilson in presence and hearing of us--

Alexander Browne
Margaret Browne
John X Carryken
Peter Dent

Thos. WILSON

March ye 9, 1702 then the within will proved by the oaths of Mr. Alexander Browne and Margaret his wife--before me especially appointed. John Bosman

March 12th, 1702--then John Kerregin witness to the within will took his oath as above.

March 12th 1702--The Mr. Ephraim Wilson and Mr. Peter Dent took the usuall oaths of Executor to the within will and granted letters testamentary accordingly. per me Jno. Bosman especially appointed

Indorsement: entered and Recorded.

(Somserset Liber EB #5, folio 126-127)

THOMAS POYNTER, SENIOR

- 1702/03

In the name of God Amen, I Thomas Poynter, Senior of Somerset County in the province of Maryland being ancient and weakly but of perfect strength of memory yet knowing not how soon it may please Almighty God to call me out of the world to his blessed ... make this my last will and testament in manner and form following:

IMPRIMUS: I bequeath my soul unto my blessed Creator and make hoping and trusting through the merits of my blessed Redeemer and savior Jesus Christ to enjoy the true happiness which all men hope for and my body I committ unto the Earth from whence I came and to be buried by my deceased wife Frances in a decent like manner;

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my son THOMAS POYNTER all that tract of land whereupon he now liveth 500 acres called Highfield to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my son WILLIAM POYNTER all that tract of land whereon he now liveth 350 acres to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my son JEREMIAH POYNTER 450 acres of land part of a tract of land called St. Lawrence's Neck quantity 1100 acres on the north side of the said beginning at a line of marked trees dividing between my brother WILLIAM INNIS and myself running to a marked white oak by the middle slash (sea?)side, and from thence running North east unto the marsh and from thence running in a straight line up the woods to a marked gum upon a branch where he first seated and from thence along the line which Mr. James Round formerly marked to him and his heirs forever the head to the line of James Round and then and if my son should die without issue then the land to fall to my son ARGALUS and his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath my son EDWARD POYNTER 300 acres of land called by the name of Edward's Lott and if he should die without heirs then the land to go to my son THOMAS POYNTER his heirs and assigns.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my son ARGALUS 650 acres of land being the remaining part of San Lawrences' Neck aforementioned to him and his heirs and assigns forever if no heirs then to go to his brother William Poynter and his heirs.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my son THOMAS POYNTER and his living children one young cow and two one year old heiffers and their increase and then to my youngest child then living and to be divided equally among them.

ITEM: I give and bequeath my son WILLIAM POYNTER his children living at my decease 1 young cow and 1 two year old heiffer and their increase forever and then as aforementioned to my son THOMAS and his children.

ITEM: I give unto my son JEREMIAH POYNTER one cow and one two year old heiffer them and their increase to him his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my son EDWARD POYNTER one young cow and her increase forever one five year old steer and one young ewe and her increase forever to him and his heirs and one iron kettle.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my daughter ABIGAIL BISHOP her children one young cow and one two year old heifer then and their increase forever in manner and form as aforementioned unto the rest of my grandchildren.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my daughter ELEANOR SMITH her children one young cow and one two year old heifer then and their increase forever in and unto the rest of my grandchildren.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my daughter PARTHENIA HAMMOND her children one young cow and one two year old heifer then and their increase forever in manner and form aforementioned unto my grandchildren.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my daughter RACHELL PRICE one young cow she and her increase forever and also one five year old steer to her her heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my daughter FRANCES POYNTER one feather bed and bolster with the furniture now standing in the inward chamber above stairs as also one wainscoting chest with a drawer underneath, and two pewter dishes and I give unto my said daughter two three year old heifers then and their increase to her and her heirs assigns forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto each of my children in law to wit: to JOHN and MARY RACKLIFFE two three years old heifers then and their increase to them and two young ewes then and their increase forever.

ITEM: Lastly I give and bequeath unto my loving wife ELIZABETH POYNTER and my son ARGALUS POYNTER all the remaining part of my moveables only excepting my negroes and I will that my said wife to be and remain on my said plantation where I now live and have half the produce of the labor which my said negroe shall make during her widowhood and my son ARGALUS to have and enjoy the other half with the produce of ye orchard to be equally divided as aforesaid and also I will that after marriage or after death my aforesaid son Argalus to have and enjoy the negroes forever only excepting that my said son Argalus should be without issue that then the negroes to be equally divided between my other four sons and I do appoint my loving wife and my son Argalus to be whole and sole executors. I do ordain and request my son Thomas Poynter to send my brother Cornelius Innis to see and be at ye division between my wife and son as aforesaid and to complete the matter within a week or 10 days of my being interred.

Witness the signing of my hand February 15 1702/3.

Signed sealed and delivered by John Webb junior; Samuel Webb, John Webb Sr.

DECEMBER 3, 1705 proved before us John Franklyn. Aforegoing will was recorded on June 14, 1708.

(Worcester Will MH3, 58-60)

Henry Reed of Somerset County
-1704

In the name of God Amen, I Henry Reed of Somersett County in the province of Maryland Cordwainer being infirm in body but of sound mind and . . .and being desirous to settle this estate before my departure, I do make this my last will and testament. In manner and form following that is to say

ITEM: I recommend my soul to Almighty God my Creator and Jesus Christ my Redeemer in whose merit alone I have a sincere hope of salvation and as to me being such worldly estate as the Lord in his mercy hath lent me my will and testament is that the same shall to dispose of in such manner as is hereinafter stated:

That is to say first I give and bequeath to my faithful and loving wife my things that I have after the paying of my debts and to that end leave her executor of this my last will and testament and I will and desire that my son William Reed shall live with his mother till he be at the age of eighteen years if she shall live so long and then to be set free for himself and if the Lord shall see fit to call for her then be free or arrive at ye age of eighteen then she to dispose of him and I revoke all other wills made before and my wife to be my executor.

In witness whereof I have hereunto signed and delivered in the presence of us

John Edgar

John Shaw

Patrick Reed.

HENRY REED (SEAL)

July 27, 1704, the will was attested to by the witnesses.

Sworn before me Peter Dent, Deputy Comssry.

Worcester Will Book MH3, p. 56.

THOMAS POYNTER, SENIOR

- 1705

In the name of God Amen, I Thomas Poynter Senior of Somersett County in the province of Maryland being ancient and weakly but of perfickt strength of memory yet knowing not how soon it may please Almighty God to call me out of the world to his blessed kingdom make this my last will and testament in manner and form following:

IMPRIMUS: I bequeath my soul unto my blessed Creator and maker hoping and trusting through the merits of my blessed Redeemer and savior Jesus Christ to enjoy the true happiness which all men hope for and my body I committ unto the Earth from whence I came and to be buried by my deceased wife Frances in a decent like manner;

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas Poynter all that tract of land whereupon he now liveth 500 acres called Highfield to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my son William Poynter all that tract of land whereon he now liveth, 350 acres to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my son JEREMIAH POYNTER 450 acres of land part of a tract of land called St. Lawrences Neck quantity 1100 acres on the north side of the said Neck beginning at a line of marked trees dividing between my brother WILLIAM INNIS and myself running to a marked white oak by the middle of the slash side, and from thence running North east unto the marsh and from thence running in a straight line up the woods to the head of a marked gum upon a branch where he first seated and from thence along the line Mr. James Round formerly marked to her and his heirs forever and then to the line of James Round and then and if my son should die without issue then the land to fall to my son ARGALUS and his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath my son Edward Poynter 300 acres of land called by the name of Edward's Lott and if he should die without heirs then the land to go to my son Thomas Poynter his heirs and assigns.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my son Argalus 650 acres of land being the remaining part of Saint Lawrences Neck aforementioned to him and his heirs and assigns forever if no heirs then to go to his brother William Poynter and his heirs.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas Poynter and his living children one young cow and one two year old heiffer and their increase and then to my youngest child then living and to be divided equally among them.

ITEM: I give and bequeath my son William Poynter his children living at my house one young cowe and one two year old heiffer and their increase forever and then as aforementioned to my son Thomas and his children.

ITEM: I give unto my son Jeremiah POYNTER one cow one two year old heiffer them and their increase to him his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my son EDWARD POYNTER one young cow and her increase forever one five year old steer and one young ewe and her increase forever to him and his heirs and also one iron kettle.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my daughter Abigail Bishop her children one young cow and one two year old heiffer then and their increase forever in manner and form as aforementioned unto the rest of my grandchildren.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my daughter Eleanor Smith her children one young cow and one two year old heiffer them and their increase forever in and unto the rest of my grandchildren.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my daughter Parthenia Hammond her children one young cow and one two year old heiffer them and their increase forever in manner and form aforementioned unto my grandchildren.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my daughter Rachell Price one young cow she and her increase forever and also one five year old steer to her her heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my daughter Frances Poynter one feather bed and bolster with the furniture now standing in the inward chamber above stairs as also one wainscoat chest with a drawer underneath, and two pewter dishes and I give unto my said daughter two three year old heifers them and their increase to her and her heirs assigns forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto each of my children in law to wit: John and to Mary Rackliffe two three years old heifers them and their increase to them and two young ewes them and their increase forever.

ITEM: Lastly I give and bequeath unto my loving wife Elizabeth Poynter and my son Argalus Poynter all the remaining part of my moveables only excepting my Negroes and I will that my said wife to be and remain on my said plantation where I now live and have half the produce of the labor which my said Negro shall make curing her widdowshood and my son Argalus to have and enjoy the other half with the produce of ye orchard to be equally divided as aforesaid and also I will that after marriage or after death my aforesaid son Argalus have and enjoy the Negroes forever only excepting that my said son Argalus should be without issue that then the Negroes to be equally divided between my other four sons and I do appoint my loving wife and my son Argalus to be whole and sole executors. I do ordain and request my son Thomas Poynter to send my brother Cornelius Innis to see and be at ye division between my wife and son as foresaid and to complete the matter within a week or 10 days of my being interred. Witness the signing of my hand February 15 1702/3.

THOMAS POYNTER

[Seal]

Signed sealed and delivered by:
John Webb Junior
Samuel Webb
John Webb, Sr.

DECEMBER 3, 1705 proved before us John Franklyn. Aforegoing will was recorded on June 14, 1708.

Worcester Will Book MH3, 58-60.

PARTHENIA REED

1705

Deed of Gift

To all persons to whom those presents shall come I Parthenia Reed of Somerset County and province of Maryland widow sendeth greetings Know ye that the said Parthenia Reed of county and province aforesaid being of good and perfect memory and without fraud and deceit for grant all consideration etc. . . . my children Henry Smock and William Reed my children all singular goods and chattels and improvements and movables I ye said Parthenia Reed widow have put ye said William and Henry in peaceable possession of property ye said date subscribed I Parthenia Reed to give and bequeath all my rights titles and interest unto my son William Reed two hundred acres of land at ye head of ye St. Martins at Back Creek called Turners Hall to him and his heirs and executors and assigns for ever and also a deed of gift bestow upon my son Henry Smock all ye right title and interest I have or can crane or law ????? of John or any otherwise whose ever to him his heirs and assigns. To my daughter Elizabeth one feather bed to her and her heirs for ever also. I have hereunto sett my hand and seal this November tenth ,1705.

Witnessed Robert Perrie and Thomas Morris PARTHENIA REED

Somerset County Deeds, Liber AB, 26-27.

HENRY HUDSON, SR.

- 1707

Henry Hudson, Senior of Somerset County on October 21, 1707 wrote his will leaving as follows:

ITEM: to son HENRY HUDSON his heirs etc, tract of land where he now dwells called Jones Adventure and 1 shilling sterling being all he shall receive of my estate.

ITEM: to well-beloved son RICHARD HUDSON his heirs 500 acres of land called Harragate, the land where he now dwells. Also to son Richard Hudson, 1 shilling sterling.

ITEM: to son DAVID HUDSON to have Poplar Ridge which I formerly bought of John Howell containing 200 acres for him and his heirs.

ITEM: to loving daughter SARAH HUDSON 6 head of cattle called hers now being at my dwelling plantation which cattle are 4 cows, one two year old heifer and one two year old steer and 1 yearling, a linen wheel and one pewter dish and one tankard and one salt sellar and one candlestick.

ITEM: to my son JONATHAN HUDSON 220 acres part of a tract of land containing 440 acres Mentmore on which I now dwell next to ye water with any dwelling plantation which I give to my son Jonathan his heirs, etc.

ITEM: to my son JOHN HUDSON his heirs, etc. ye remaining part of ye tract of land called Mentmore to his heirs legally begotten.

ITEM: to son JONATHAN HUDSON, I also order and will that the marsh belonging to ye land which in this will were given to my son JONATHAN to be divided between him and his brother John.

ITEM: Remainder of estate to be to MY LOVING WIFE and four children--JOHN, ELIZABETH and RACHEL HUDSON ye said estate to remain in ye possession of my loving wife until death or marriage unless my four children should marry then at that time such to be paid (equal one fifth part of my estate) given to my loving wife LIDDA HUDSON whom I make my executrix.

ITEM: I appoint my son Henry Hudson, Richard Hudson and Thomas overseers of this my last will and testament witness my hand and seal. Henry H. (his mark) Hudson
Signed, sealed and delivered Cornelius C. Inis
 Armwell R. Vigorous
 Thomas Purnell

Memorandum: this day 23 May 1710 came Cornelius INIS, Armwell Vigorous and Mr. Thomas Purnell and made the oath that the will was made by Henry Hudson in sane and possessing mind.

(Worcester County Wills, MH #3, pp. 94-95.)

WILLIAM SCOTT OF ANNEMESSIX

- 1708/9

In the name of God amen the 20th day of January 1708/9 according to ye computation of ye Church of England, I William Scott of ANNEMESSIX in ye county of Somerset, Taylor being of perfect memory and remembrance praised be God to make and ordaine this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I bequeath my soul unto ye hands of Almighty God my maker hoping that through the meritorious death and pashion of Jesus Christ my only Saviour and Redeemer to receive free pardon and forgiveness of all my sins and as for my body to be buried in Christian buriall at ye discretion of my executrix hereafter nominated.

ITEM: I give unto my son WILLIAM SCOTT my plantation whereon I now live after my decease and his mother's decease containing such a bound from ye upper end of ye field whence he now liveth and from thence to ye lower end of ye land where I now liveth and if my son William should die before me or have no son to enjoy my land then my plantation shall come to my son BENJAMIN.

ITEM: I give unto my son GEORGE SCOTT a parcell of land lying upon ye south side of ye branch beginning at a maple marked with two notches at ye south east side of ye said branch and running to ye and thereof breadth as well as length.

ITEM: I give unto son JOHN SCOTT a parcell of land beginning from the end of ye ould field of WILLIAM SCOTT JUNIOR to a marked maple being a division all line, between George Scott and John Scott as far breadth as ye pattent specifieth.

ITEM: I give unto my son DAVID SCOTT a parcell of land out of ye land which belongeth to my son George out of ye same pattent lying on ye north west side of ye same branch.

ITEM: I give to my son ABRAHAM SCOTT and my son BENJAMIN SCOTT all ye tract or parcell of land called JONES CAUTION lying in Apes Hole near Poakamoke Bay side.

ITEM: I give unto my daughter MARY SCOTT and my daughter ELIZABETH SCOTT and my daughter SARAH SCOTT each of them one feather bed and furniture belonging to them at ye day of marridge and ye said MARY and ELIZABETH and SARAH shall have two coves and calves paid to each of them on their day of marridge besides.

ITEM: I give unto ELIZABETH my wife all my goods chattels and movables all within and without and whatever for term of her life and after her decease to divide what is remaining equally amongst my sons and daughters upon condition that she shall pay all my debts and legacies and make her sole executrix of this my last will and testament revoking all other wills and testaments but if my dearly beloved wife shall alter her condition and be disposed to marry again lett her peruse my will and not forgett my children but if my wife doth marry again that at ye day of marridge ye negro Sambo shall fall into ye hands of my son ABRAHAM and BENJAMIN disposing.

ITEM: I give unto my son ROBERT SCOTT twelve pence or one shilling I give unto him. In witness whereof I hereunto sett my hand and seale ye day and year above written---

WILLIAM SCOTT

Testes: Thomas Stockwell, Michael Holland
Robert + Dukes William + Wilson, Junior, Susanna S. Stockwell (her Mark)

MEMORANDUM: that this day viz ye fourth day of June 1712 came before me ye within named Robert Dukes and Susanna Stockwell in their proper persons and made oath upon ye Holy Evangelist that they saw ye within testator sign and that the within instrument is his last will and testament and that he published, pronounced and declared ye same so to be and at the time of his so doing he was of sound and perfect mind and meaning to the best of their knowledge.

[Original recorded in Liber WB # 5, folio 574]. (Somerset EB # 9, folio 44-45)

GEORGE WILSON OF ANNEMESSIX

- 1709

Maryland, Somerset County. The last will and testament of George Wilson of Annemessix --In the name of God, Amen, I George Wilson, being very sick and weake but of perfect sense and memory, blessed be God and do make this my last will and testament revoking all former will or wills--whatsoever.

IMPRIMUS: I give and bequeath my soul to the living God hopeing in the resurrection of the dead life everlasting, through the meritts of Jesus Christ and my body to be decently burried as my executor shall think fitt.--

ITEM: I give after my decease to my eldest son GEORGE WILSON the tract or parcell of land, whereon I now live bounded from ye gutt that divides between William West and I to ye pasture gutt the extent of ye land to WILLIAM WILSON.

ITEM: I give to my son JOHN WILSON a parcell of land lying on the north side of ye pasture gutt to ye extent of ye land that way towards William Wilson and if in and neare my son George Wilson, shall endear (?) to debar John Wilson of this parcell of land according to will, then the said George Wilson shall pay unto his brother John Wilson, three thousand pounds of tobacco and keep all ye parcell of land belonging to me---

ITEM: I give to my son George Wilson the first mare fole of either of the mares after the date hereof---

LASTLY I leave my loving wife ELIZABETH WILSON sole executrix of will, that she sign the lease of the agreement that was between Jonathan Cooper and me. Witness my hand and seale this first day of May Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and nine.

Testes: William Wilson

William Scott Junior

GEORGE WILSON (SEALE)

Somerset County : this day the Second day of August anno dom 1709 this will was proved by the oaths of William Wilson and William Scott Junior that they did see the within named George Wilson sign and seale the same and that at the same time the said Wilson was of sound mind and memory to the best of their judgment.

Sworne before me. Peter Dent, D. Commr.

August 2, 1709 then came Elizabeth the relict of the within testator George Wilson and declared she would not accept the bequests in the said will mentioned but expected the third part of the decd estate, this done before me. Peter Dent. Indorsement: Recorded in WB no. 2, fol. 175; (LIBER EB #5, folio 155) Test ESME BAYLY Regr.

HENDRY BISHOP

-1709

In the name of God Amen[†] the tenth day of August in the year of our lord God 1709 I Hendry Bishop in the county of Somerset planter being very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory. . . my body to be buried in a decent Christian like and decent manner and at the discretion of my executrix after named. . . First: I will that all the debts and duties that I owe in right and conscience to any person whatsoever shall be paid. . .

IMPRIMIS: I give and bequeath to my two well-beloved sons John Bishop and Hendry Bishop the land and plantation I now live upon containing two hundred acres to wit: my plantation with a hundred acres belonging to it to my son Hendry Bishop and the other hundred back up in the woods from the head of it to my son John Bishop. I likewise give to my son John my gun and to my son Hendry I give a sandliche (?) Cheek that was formerly Charles Williamses.

I give to each of my two daughters one ewe and lamb the peace my horse I leave for the use of the plantation all the lottes belonging to the towns that is not disposed of or sould which willing apparently the Rev. Davis has taken up. I leave and order to be sould to pay my debts. I will that my two sons John Bishop and Hendry Bishop have each of them one acre, if it please God that my wife should marry and her husband I will my two sons be free at eighteen years and otherwise they be at 21 years old. I give and bequeath to my well beloved wife Elizabeth Bishop all ye remaining part of my personal estate bedding and other furniture the house cattle, sheep, and hogs to her and her heirs forever with all the increase of cattle sheep and hogs to her her heirs forever.

I do by these presents constitute and appoint my trusty and well beloved wife Elizabeth Bishop to be my sole executrix of this my last will and testament.

Signed sealed and declared in the presence
of us:

Christopher Glass

William XXX Jones

HENDRY YJ BISHOP (Seal)

November 1st, 1709 then came Christopher Glass and William Jones and William Stevenson evidences to the within will. . .

William Stevenson

JOHN OUTTEN -1709

1708. In the name of God Amen. I John Outten of Somerset County in ye province of Maryland, being very sick of body but of perfect memory, bless the name of the Lord, and knowing the uncertainty of this transitory life and willing to settle my temporal estate. In the first I give and commit my soul to God who gave it, and my body to the earth from whence it came to be decently buried at the discretion of my executrix hereafter named and doe believe in ye resurrection of ye body and the remission of sins and the life everlasting and for all sins confessed am heartily penitent for and hope the forgiveness of the same and when all my lawful debts being paid I give and bequeath my will as followeth:

Imprimis: I give and bequeath to my loving son Thomas Outten my dwelling planation to be made out 200 acres of land and marsh to be bounded by the inlet adjoining next to William Selby and not to go over into that marsh formerly belonging to John Bishop called Tensie for any part of said 200 acres.

Secondly: I give and bequeath unto my loved son Samuel Outten 100 acres of land and marsh belonging to it so far as Pegg (or Prigg Point) and so to have marsh along adjoining as ye woods being in the 100 acres.

Thirdly: I also give and bequeath unto my loved son Abraham Outten 100 acres of land to be laid out at the head of my tract my now dwelling plantation and beyond upon the division line of Thomas Selby and also 50 acres of marsh called Tensie formerly belonging to John Bishop.

Fourthly: I also give and bequeath unto my well loved son John Outten all my lands and marsh belonging to me lying upon Morumscoe Creek in the Neck called Condocue only excepted 50 acres sould to Peter Kersie as after will be mentioned.

Fifthly: In case my son John Outten depart this natural life without lawful begotten issue of his body then these lands and marshes bequeathed to him at Morumscoe to be the right of my son Thomas to enjoy the same my said son Thomas not to have any right or claim to that 200 acres bequeathed to him in this will of my now dwelling plantation but the said 200 acres of land and marsh to be equally divided between my two youngest sons Samuel and Abraham.

Sixthly: I give and bequeath unto Peter Kersie 50 acres of marsh being at the west end of Patent called Discovery lying upon a creek called Ease Creek near a Sandie beach.

Seventhly: All my land bequeathed in this will to my four beloved sons, vizt., Thomas, Samuel, Abraham, and John, shall enjoy, dispose, make sale as to them shall seem meet as they attain to age and to enjoy the same to them and their heirs forever.

Eighthly: In case my two eldest sons should die without issue begotten of their bodies then my youngest son Samuel to enjoy my dwelling plantation at (B s) Pocoternorton with all the marshes

and all privileges thereunto belonging Moromscoe.

Ninethly: It is my will that if my wife now going with child should have a son that every son (vizt. Thomas, Samuel, Abraham, and John) shall contribute 2000 pounds of tobacco each of them and if it pleaseth God to be a girl then each to allow 500 pounds of tobacco towards the maintenance not cutting it of her or his proportion of my principal estate.

I doe nominate and appoint my loved wife Mary Outten to be my hole and sole executrix and see this my will performed this my first and last will and testament as witnesses my hand and Seal.

John Outten (Seal)

Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of us:

Matthew Scarborough

Nathaniel Hopkins

Samuell Hopkins

Thomas Clark [his mark]

This day this 27th day of May anno domini 1709 came Mr. Mathew Scarborough and Mr. Nathaniel Hopkins and made oath that they did see the within mentioned John Outten sign and seal the within mentioned will and declare same to be his last will and testament.

Sworn before me Peter Dent Depty Com.

Maryland Prerogative Court Wills, 12, 93-94.

CHARLES RACKLIFFE -1709

In the name of God Amen ye 10th day of May in the 9th year of her majesties reign Ann by ye grace of God of Great Britain and defender of the faith and in 1709.

I Charles Rackliffe of Somerset County in ye province of Maryland being sick and weak of body but of sound and perfect memory praise to be given to Almighty God for ye same and calling to remembrance ye uncertain estate of this transitory life on earth and of all flesh must yield unto death when it shall please God to call do make constitute and ordain appoint and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form as followeth: that is to say: first and principally I commit my soul into ye hands of Almighty God my Creator to be saved by ye precious death and ? of my blessed Savior and Redeemer Christ Jesus and my body to ye earth from whence it was taken to be buried in such decent and Christian like manner as my executors hear after named shall think proper. . . First I make void all wills and testaments heretofore by me made by this word and writing I do declare and pronounce this and none other to be my last will and testament as followeth:

First I will that all those debts and funeral charges whatsoever which I owe in right and to any manner or person whatsoever be fully satisfied contented and paid. . .

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my well beloved daughter Elizabeth Ratcliffe one Negro woman called Molle now in my possession and one Negro girl aged five years or thereabouts called Mary to her and her heirs and by them freely to be possesst and forever to them from now on

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth six hundred acres of land where I now live called and known by ye name of Genezar lying nigh or att ye bottom of Sinepuxent Neck and ye seaboard side in SOMERSET county in all and regular ye ordered gardens houses meadows pastures fences conveniences and appurtenances thereunto or to any part thereof belonging or in anywise appertaining to her and her heirs freely to be possesst and enjoy forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth eight cows and calves four two year old heifers six five year old steers, and twenty five head of sheep one young bay mare of four years, one old large cupboard two feather beds and furniture one small desk to and to be of age at sixteen or at ye day of marriage which ever shall happen first to her and her heirs by which to be possesst and enjoyed forever.\

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my said daughter four young sows tenn geese and one small square table to be delivered as afforesaid to her and her heirs .

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my well beloved brother John Rackliffe one hundred acres of land part of ye afforesaid tract bequeathed to my daughter being in all seven hundred acres which ye hundred acres lying on ye head of Point Neck on ye south side of ye said neck and are given to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my affsd. daughter Elizabeth one large table and by her and her heirs

freely to be possesst and enjoyed forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my said daughter one still (shill?) and ye half of my puter which two small potts with all ye appurtenances belonging to ye sd still to her and her heirs and by them freely to be possessed and enjoyed forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my well beloved brother in law Presgrave Turvill all ye said tract of land on condition ye and his heirs or assigns do discharge a certain bond which I paid for ye executing a certain quantity of land now in ye tenure and occupation of ye said Turvill all ye said tract of land with ye appurtenances so to me granted by virtue of the Escheat to be made over to him and his heirs on payment of ye said bond ye penalty of which being forty pounds eighteen shillings for ye payment of 22 pounds nine shillings by my heirs or executors and by him or his heirs freely to be possesst.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my well beloved wife Hannah all ye rest of my estate both real and personall whatsoever and wheresoever under whose tuition I leave my afforesaid daughter and whom I likewise nominate constitute and appoint to my executrix.

Signed, sealed and pronounced and declared to be ye last will and testament.

CHARLES X RACKLIFF (Seal)

Hugh X Tingle
William X Rackliff
Wrixham White
James Loniiy (?)

This ninth day of November 1709. Will was proved by William Rackliff and Hugh Tingle.

Worcester County Wills, MH3, folio 84-5.

THOMAS MORRIS
-1713

THOMAS MORRIS, planter wrote his will February 22, 1713/1714 and it was probated December 3, 1714.

ITEM: I bequeath to Parthena, my wife, 1/3 of my estate and to my five children William, Thomas, Joseph, Edward, and Parthenia when they come to age of 18 or to such survivors of those listed above.

ITEM: I bequeath to my wife Parthenia to have my house wherein I now dwell during her widowhood.

ITEM: I will and bequeath to William and Thomas my two eldest sons afsd land where I dwell "Linnath", they to cause to be paid to Joseph and Edward.

ITEM: To John Burbage, weave, two tracts of land "Hoggsnorton" and woodland called Bawmarriye containing 200 acres, if he pay to John Hampton 12,000 lbs of tobacco.

ITEM: To George Truitt and John Truitt, brothers and planters, to be overseers.

THOMAS MORRIS (SEAL)

Witnesses:

Henry Smock

Job Jarman

Gavin Hutchinson

RICHARD HILL, JR.

- 1715

On the eighteenth day of March 1715/6--I Richard Hill planter of Somerset County, etc. ---

ITEM: I will that all the duties and debts that I owe . . .to any manner of person or persons. . .be paid by my executor.

I give, will and bequeath unto my son RICHARD HILL my plantation I now live upon called "Husband's Forest" according to its lines and boundaries specified in its patent unto him and his heirs forever.

I give, will and bequeath unto my well beloved wife ELLCE the aforesaid third of my plantation called "Husborne's (?) Forest" during her life and at her decease to return to my son Richard and his heirs forever.

I give, will and bequeath unto my son RICHARD all and whole the land belonging unto me the land not formerly said by me already sold unto him his heirs and assigns forever.

I give and bequeath unto my well beloved WIFE 1/3 of all my moveables and the remaining part I bequeath unto my son Richard and his heirs.

ITEM: I will that my well beloved wife when my son Richard attains the age of 10 years keep him out and give him schooling until he be taught to read his Bible.

ITEM: I will that my said son Richard shall be _____ at age when he shall attain the age of 18. I will that my well beloved wife Elsie shall be sole and only executor of this my last will and testament only that Henry Rich shall be her appointed advisor therein and to her.

I will, give and bequeath unto JOSEPH SCHOOLFIELD all and whole my tract of land and marsh belonging unto me lying and being in Wallop's Neck according to the lines and boundaries as it was surveyed.

I will and bequeath it unto him the said Joseph Schoolfield and unto his heirs and assigns forever. He the said Joseph Schoolfield paying unto my heirs 1200 lbs. of tobacco.

ITEM: I will to JOSEPH SCHOOLFIELD 100 acres of land part of a tract of land belonging unto me lying situate and being at the head of my tract of land called "Husborne's Forrest" and to run from my head line.

A complement of 200 acres I will, give and bequeath unto him his heirs and assigns forever unto the said Joseph Schoolfield.

RICHARD (his mark) HILL (SEAL)

Witness: Benjamin Schoolfield, Robert Perrie, Thomas Nathaniel Williams. 18 March 1718

(Worcester County Wills, MH #3, folios 125-6)

DANIEL ESHAM

-1718/19

In the name of God Amen. I Daniel Eshom of Northampton County planter being at present sick and weak of body but of perfect sense and memory thanks be unto God do hereby make this my last will and testament in manner and form following (viz.) Imp. I give and bequeath my soul and body unto the Lord Almighty God which gave it me ye one at my dissolution and ye other at my resurrection and for my worldly estate that God in his mercies hath born to bestow upon me I give and bequeath as followeth---

I give and bequeath unto my son JOHN ESHOM the plantation whereon I now dwell with two hundred acres of land adjoining to it after the death ----- for her and dwelling housing and ye from the cow or Cheristr my Land to ye Branchs and Soalls ye Upper part of my plantation on this side during the time of her life and after her demise to my son John and his heyers forever.

I give and bequeath unto my son DANIEL ESHOM one hundred acres on the [?] side of ye Branch from my son John the plantation where on Anderson lives to him and his heirs for ever my will and pleasure is that Anderson shall have them and the plantation whereon he now dwells until my son Daniel comes to ye age of eighteen years he paying 200 pounds of Tobacco yearly cont----- for the sd one hundred acres and to take into his custody of keeping for my son one year old heifer and one ewe and lamb and their increase until ye cattle to [??] head and ye sheep to five head and then to be sold for ye child's come to their first number and ye rent of ye land after two years for my son Daniel's schooling.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my son John one mare which is Cas--- now and my sadell and my pistolls and holsters and carbines and one brindle cow and one ewe and one chest----

I give and bequeath to my son Daniel my gunn and sword and one three year old heifer and one ewe lamb and one chest and ye first mare coult that my gray maire has.

I give and bequeath until my daughter GARTRATRUDE ESHAM one feather bed and bolster and one blanket one iron spitt and large pewter dishe one trunk and one linin press.

I give and bequeath unto my daughter RACHELL one cupboard two large pewter bason and one iron pott and one table.

I give and bequeath unto my daughter TAMER one feather bed and blanket one _____.

I give and bequeath unto my daughter ELIZABETH one feather bed and bolster

I give and bequeath unto my COUSIN DANIEL ESHON one small gunn

I give and bequeath unto my foure daughters one mare colt and one pied cow 8 ewes shared jointly amongst them four and their increase and each child to have her part from thereon as they come of age; my will and desire is that my son JOHN ESHON have all ye tobacco on my plantation belongs to mine and barrels of corn and he to six hundred pounds of tobacco which I owe to John M_____ and to be at age for himself after he has finished his crop; and my will pleaseth is that my son Daniel be at age at Eighteen years and my daughters to be of age at sixteen years old, and all ye rest of my estate I give unto my loving wife JANE ESHOM whom I make my sole executrix of this my last will and inventory on my estate as witness my hand and seale this 10th day of January in ye year of our Lord god 1713.

Signed and sealed in ye presence of Luke Taylor and James H Twiford Alce Pitts

DANIEL ESHON
the Seale

Northampton County Wills, etc. XXIII, 3-4.

JOHN JONES OF MATTAPONY -1719

In the name of God Amen, March 29, 1718. I John Jones of Mattapony in Somerset County being sick and with sore and grave affliction and know not how soon it may please God to remove me by death am willing to settle my temporal affairs and in order thereto do make this my last will and testament revoking all others. . . null and void first committing my soul to God that gave it and my body to the earth to be buried with decent burial and now for the sealing my temporal estate which it hath pleased God to bestow upon me my debts being paid in the first place I give and dispose of my estate as follows:

IMPRIMUS: I give and bequeath unto my son John Jones 100 acres of land called S ivter to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my aforesaid son John my handmill after his mother's demise.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my son John the bed he usually lies upon with the furniture

ITEM: I give unto my daughter Grace Jones one bed with its furniture thereunto belonging.

ITEM: I further give unto my aforesaid son John and daughter Grace to each an iron pott

ITEM: I give unto my daughter Elizabeth Jones one 2 year old heiffer

ITEM: I give unto my son Giles Jones 12 pence

ITEM: I give unto my daughter Mary Walton 12 pence

ITEM: I give unto my daughter Margaret Aydelotte 12 pence

ITEM: I give unto my daughter Sarah Walton 12 pence

ITEM: I give unto my daughter SABRO 12 pence

ITEM: All the rest of my estate I give to my loving wife for support and to be disposed of as she shall think proper and fit, she to be the executrix.

John X Jones

Ardis Langman
Nathaniel Brumbill
Christopher Pardis

Memorandum: This 6th day of April, 1719 came Ardis Lemmon, Nathaniel Brumbill and Christopher Paradice and took the oath .

NATHANIEL RACKLIFFE, SR.
-1719

In the name of God Amen, I Nathaniel Rackliffe Senior of Sommersett County . . . being at this time very sick and weak of body but of sound and perfect memory thanks be to God for ye same but calling to mind and remembering that all flesh must yield unto death when it shall please God to call have thought it fit and convenient to make and put in wrighting this my last will and testament. . . .

I bequeath my immortal soul into ye hand of Almighty God my blessed Savior and Redeemer trusting to receive full pardon and free remission of all my sins by his precious death and merits my body to ye earth to be buried in such descent and Christian manner as to my executor hereafter named shall think fit and convenient and for such worldly estate do ye lord in much hath blessed me I give and bequeath as follows:

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my dutiful son Charles Rackliffe his heirs and assigns forever my now dwelling plantation with ye lands thereunto belonging being in quantity three hundred acres formerly bought of my brother Edward Wale.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my dutiful son Nathaniel his heirs and assigns forever two tracts of land lying on Turkey Branch Creek one called Ratcliffe quantity two hundred acres ye other called Howard's Design quantity five hundred acres only privileges excepted to my aforesaid son Charles for ye . . . feeding ground of then steers of his own or his heirs forever he or they paying yearly quit rents of two hundred acres of ye aforesaid land.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my loving wife Margery one third of my moveable estate my debts being first paid as aforesaid.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my granddaughter Tabitha Powders four cows and calves to be paid to her ye said Tabitha by my executor when she shall answer to ye age of sixteen years.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my dutiful daughter Tabitha Smith one feather bed one rugg one paire blanketts and one paire sheets and I also give unto my aforesaid daughter Tabitha five cows and calves and one iron pott.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my son Charles his heirs my largest iron pot and also my table which hath a walnut frame.

ITEM: I give to my son Nathaniel my iron kettle and all ye remaining part of my estate in which sort or kind soever I give equally between my two sons Nathaniel and Charles Rackliffe and their heirs farther my will and desire is that this my will be proved within convenient time after my decease by my two sons Nathaniel and Charles Rackliffe whom I make and ordain executors of this my last will and testament. As in witness to ye truth above written have hereunto set my hand and seal this 13th day of April 1719.

NATHANIEL N RACKLIFFE (SEAL)

In ye presents of

Rebeckah X Black Thomas Purnell, William Smith, Nathaniel Wale

This 10th day of February 1720/1 came before me Nathaniel Wale and Thomas Purnell in their proper persons and made oath.

Worcester County Wills, MH3, folios 156-157.

THOMAS COPES -1720

In the name of God Amen, this sixteenth day of December, 1720, I Thomas Copes being sick and weak but of sound and perfect memory thanks be to Almighty God for it and Taking into Consideracon ye, uncertainty of mans life I do ordain this my last Will and Testament. in form as followeth:

I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas Copes all ye land I now am possest with except from ye old Road to ye new Road and ye branch left clear, I give to Elijah Simpson

ITEM: In case my son should dye without heir Lawfully begotten of his body then two hundred acres of land to Samuell Simpson & his heirs for Ever provided Giles my Brother will make an Exchange then to my Brother forenamed to him and his heires lawfully begotten of his body for ever and in case my son Thomas should dye without heirs . I give to my son in law Abraham Outten ye land that Patrick Clark now liveth on being deemed about one hundred and forty acres of land beginning at ye main branch and then running along a little branch on this side ye plantation running on a straight line till it should encompass one hundred and forty acres of land.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my daughter in law Ester Hooten one piece of Poplin, and my will is that if my son in law Abraham Hooten declines ye aforementioned land ye Samuell his brother is to have said land that Patrick Clark doth now live on. Item: my will is that Samuell Hooten shall pay unto his brother Abraham six cows and calves or three thousand pounds of Tobacco which ye said Abraham shall think fitt in case he refuseth ye Article aforementioned concerning ye land aforementioned given to him and my will is that ye Samuell Hooten shall have ye land left by his father John Hottoon land att Bogetenorton which doth belong to Abraham and my will is that Giles Copes refuseth to make ye exchange of land that I before mentioned then Samuell Simpson and his heirs lawfully begotten and his now wife Sarah one hundred acres of land att ye head of ye Neck and my will is that all my hoes axes and nailes and other iron as plows and harrows is to remain for ye plantations use and to be made good by those that next intercedes me.

ITEM: I give my well beloved wife my Negro man will during his naturall life provided she remain a widow and provided she dyeth ye Negro to remain on this plantation under ye command of Samuell Hooten until my son Thomas shall attain to ye age of eighteen years.

ITEM: I give unto my well beloved son all my money debts by bill or accompts or any other ways what soever seventeen shillings Capt. Hope and Mrs. Matilda Wise shillings eight and foure pence Mr. Thomas Robins Dtr. seven pound five shillings by bill Virginia Currency as also two pound tenn and all my cash in ye house I now live in gold and silver ye sd. gold and silver I leave under ye care of Mr. Henry Custis with seven steeres or oxen to be disposed towards ye bying of a Negro for my son Thomas aforesaid; When ye said Custis shall find a convenient time in ye some convenient time as also eighteen pence due from Thomas Simpson ye son of Thomas Simpson Senior and my will is that those that have not had their parts of ye estate I have now in possession naming of them being Samuell Hooten three pound already paid and tenn pounds more due and odd shillings as also thirteen paid odd shillings doe to Abraham and Esther a piece to be paid in country commodities

and my will is that my well-beloved wife and my son shall have ye whole of bedding my wife having her first choice of a third which I _____

ITEM: My will is that all my bedding with all ye apparel thereunto belonging as Rugs, quilts, blanketts, sheets, &, with all ye napkins, table cloths, towels, and ye like with all ye remainder of my moveable estate: that same to be ordered into three parts as equally as ye extras. shall see fitt: and that my loving wife to have her first choice of every division: and that other two to be for my son: Thomas Copes as also I give to my sd. son all my wearing apparel, both wooling and linnen and also as much good drugget and camlett with trimming as will make him a suite and my will is that Samuells Simson shall have liberty to pasture six calves in my pasture during his life in ye pasture next to where the said Simson lives and my will is that one suite of cloths that belonged to my daughter Mary to Esther Hooten with a pair of bodyes ye remaining part of her cloths to be equally divided between Sarah Simson and Esther Crapper and also two gunns I leave to my son with a pair of pistolls and holsters and my riding saddle and I give to Abraham Hooten as much Sagathe as will make him a suite and my son as much as will make him a suit of ye same sort of cloth and I give to my well beloved wife as much Camlett as will make her a riding gown and to my son and son in law as much Kersey as will make them each a riding coat and my will is that Patrick Clerk is to live on the land of mine tenn years ensuing the date hereof paying one hundred pounds of tobacco and my will is that my wife shall have her horse bridle and saddle.

My will is that my son Thomas shall have seven years schooling in Virginia to read write cypher well and if further can be learnt in any art and sciences relating to Virginia affairs that then my said son to have that advantage of learning and for payment of he said learning afsd to be paid out of the produce of my said plantation and if farther wanting to be paid out of his part of the estate and one case and bottles I leave unto my son Thomas Copes Mr. John Teackle Dr. L 2 in money or five hundred pounds of tobacco; Thomas Scott Dr. twelve hundred foot of plank; and my will and desire is that my well beloved wife and Mr. Henry Custiss and Samuells Simson to be whole and sole executrix and executor of this my last will and testament, revoking all others by me formerly made as also Mr. William Tazwell I desire to me my attorney; both in Virginia and Maryland, I also give to Mr. Tazwell three gallons of brandy as a retaining fee if he pleased to accept.

Signed, sealed and delivered in ye presence of us the 16th day of December 1720

John Metcalfe,

Henry Custis

Edmond X Bowman Cropper

Giles X Copes

Patrick X Clark

recorded May 16, 1721

The within last will and testament of Thomas Copes decd. was proved in open court of Accomack County by ye said oaths of Henry Custis and Edmund Bowman Cropper and Giles Copes three of ye witnesses to ye said April 4, 1721 which ye court admitted ye same to record.
Test. Charles Snead cl. cur.

HENRY HUDSON, SR.

-1720

In the name of God Amen, I Henry Hudson Senior of Somerset County . . .give and bequeath unto my son Henry Hudson and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten two parcels of land formerly bought of Christian Hermanson and for want of such heir to my son John Hudson his heirs and assigns forever. I also give to my said son Henry Hudson one feather bed and covering and one cow and calf and one maire of 2 years old.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my two sons Robert and Dennis Hudson and to the heirs of their bodies lawfully begotten one tract of land called JONES ADVENTURE quantity 500 acres they to be divided with a line drawn straight through the middle thereof with a line from the salt water to ye extent of ye said land and ye words my aforesaid son Robert to have ye southernmost side of ye said land with ye plantations whereon he now dwells reserving to my son Dennis aforesaid ye use of $\frac{1}{2}$ of my plantations an orchard for and during ye space of 8 years he ye said Dennis assisting in keeping ye said orchard fenced.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my son Dennis Hudson one saddle horse and one feather bed and covering.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my son John Hudson his heirs and assigns forever 200 acres of land called Poplar Ridge also one covering (?) horse. I give my land on ye beach $\frac{1}{2}$ to my brother Richard Hudson and his heirs ye other half to my other children and their heirs forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my son William Hudson his heirs and assigns a tract of land called _____ and also one horse of two years old.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my daughter Christian Hudson one maire 3 years old and one cow and calf. I give and bequeath unto John Davis 100 acres of land where he now lives being _____.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Hudson one yearling maire.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my daughter Rhoda Hudson and to the heirs of her body lawfully begotten 1 tract of land called Nunsuch quantity 130 acres and one maire colt.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my two sons David and Major Hudson and to ye heirs of their bodies lawfully begotten 500 acres of land whereon I now live being part of a greater tract called St. Lawrence's Neck to be divided as follows: beginning at the bottom of ye land and from thence with a line drawn through ye middle thereof to ye extent at ye head and when this divided ye southernmost part with my dwelling plantation to be ye right of my son Major aforesaid and ye northward most part to ye right of my son David aforesaid reserving and hereby giving unto my loving wife Ellis Hudson during her natural life ye aforesaid 500 acres of land with my dwelling plantation and all and every appurtenance thereunto belonging. I also give to my loving wife during

her natural life my 2 Negroes and at her decease ye man Negro to my son Major and ye woman Negro to my son David and also one yearling mare.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my two daughters Elizabeth Brittingham and Mary Bishop to ewes and lambs. I give and bequeath unto my granddaughter Ellis Brittingham one heiffer of two years old.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my wife and my son Dennis and son John Hudson and to their heirs 200 acres of land called Lucas' Choice. I give and bequeath 1/3 of the remainder of my estate when my debts are paid to my loving wife and ye other 2/3 to my children to wit: Dennis, John, Christian, William, Elizabeth, Brittingham, David, Rhoda, and Major Hudson.

Further my will is to be proved within convenient time after my decease by my loving wife Ellis and for Dennis Hudson whom I make joint and equal executrix and executor of this my last will and testament. As writing my hand and seal this 24th day of December 1720.

Henry H (his mark) Hudson

Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of us:

Arcadia Driggus

Catherine X (her mark) Purnell

Deverix Driggus (X) his mark

Thomas Purnell

Worcester County Wills MH #3, 161-162.

LEONARD JOHNSON
-1720

In the name of God Amen, I Leonard Johnson of Somerset County in the province of Maryland etc.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my oldest son Peter Johnson any plantation with part of my land called Londonderry Secondly I give and bequeath to my second son Leonard Johnson the other part of my land to be divided along a path called Roccofield path my will and meaning si that if my eldest son Peter should dye without heirs lawfully begotten of his body that then his land will fall to my second son Leonard to his heirs assigns forever and also my desire is that if my son Leonard should dy without any heirs lawfully begotten of his body that then his plantation with part of the land as aforesaid to fall to my youngest son Levin Denard JOHNSON to him and his heirs and assigns forever and the other parts of the land aforesaid which I give to my second son Leonard to fall to my third son John Johnson to him and his heirs forever to be divided as aforesaid further my will and meaning is that my son Leonard shall have three hundred gallons of sidder out of nine hundred but not to exceed but if the orchard in the said plantation doth not bare so much that then my said son not to have so much but in proportion according to the orchard baring and he is to cert. the same with my son Peter's assistance my son Leonard is to have this during the space of ten years after his settlement upon his own land and my will and desire is that if my wife and my eight children Peter Leonard John Levin Danard Joyce, and Elizabeth Charity and Comfort one or the other of them shall marry or move away from dwelling one with . . . then that all my moveable estate into nine equal parts and they that is going away or to intermarry to have a ninth part of the same. To them and their heirs forever and also my desire is that my five youngest children that they should be learned to read well in the bible if an opportunity doth present and the charge thereof to be payed out of my moveable estate before any division be made. I do also constitute and ordain my loving wife Joyce Johnson and my eldest son Peter JOHNSON to be my whole executors of this my last will and testament.

Joseph Attkins

LEONARD JOHNSON (Seal)

Thomas I Harvey

This 10th day of March 1720/1 came Joyce Johnson one of the executors of ye above subscribed will. . .

Worcester County Wills MH3, fol. 169-170.

ROBERT JOHNSON
-1720

December 18, 1720. In the name of God Amen, I Robert Johnson in Somerset County planter being very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks to God . . .

I order Edward Crapper for to take the care of my children for one year and then returne them to their peaceable possession again and it is the desire of the deceased that I . . . unto my wife Elisabeth Johnson if that she marry again that she shall hold the plantation where she was liveth for her life time and the children is to have the other plantation as also I desire that if my son David Johnson marry he shall not move or molest his sisters of the plantation until they marry and I doe will and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Johnson the part of a tract of land called Waker's branch I also will and bequeath my daughter Hannah Johnson 60 acres of the same half of land called friends denial lying upon the marsh side of a branch called Wakers branch. I also will and bequeath unto my daughter Hannah Johnson sixty acres of the same tract of land called Friends denial lying upon the south side of the same Wakers branch which I give unto this my daughters as my last will and testament and to their heirs lawfully begotten of their bodys forever. I also leave my well beloved wife Elisabeth Johnson whole and sole executor over all my personal estate and the said estate to be equally divided amongst my children at her death or if she marry she is to divide the same then. I also desire that my brother Leonard Johnson and my brothers William Richerson may take care of these my children as to have a careful oversight of them until they come to . . . this is my last will and testament.

Signed sealed and presented in presence of us:

William Robison

John Tull

Robert Wood

ROBERT JOHNSON (Seal)

PARTHENIA MORRIS

- 1720

In the name of God Amen, I Parthenia Morris of Somerset County and in the province of Maryland, being in my perfect sense and memory praise be given to God for ye same and calling to mind ye uncertainty of this life on earth and that it is appointed unto man to do make, ordain and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following: it is to say I commend my soul to God my Creator and to be said by the precious death of my blessed Redeemer Christ Jesus and my body to ye earth from whence it was taken to be buried in such decent like manner as to my executor thereafter named

ITEM: I will that all my debts if I am in right or -----to any manner of person be first satisfied, contented and paid and the rest and residue of my estate both real and personal to be disposed of as followeth:

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my son WILLIAM REED two hundred acres of land called Turner's Hall beginning at the land of back creek on the North side of San Martins River to him and his heirs.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my daughter PARTHENIA MORRIS all of the rest and residue of my estate wheresoever and whatever only excepting as stated hereafter:

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto JOSEPH MORRIS son of Thomas Morris one yearling heifer and if it please God to call this my daughter before she doth marry I will and bequeath that it be equally divided amongst this my GRANDCHILDREN Mary Ratliff, Parthenia Kennat and Sarey (?) Smock and Clawer Reed. I also will that my son Nathaniel Ratlif and my son William Reed to be my whole and sole executors of this my last will and testament as witnesseth my hand and seal this fourth of January, 1720.

Parthanay (her mark) Morris (Seal)

Signed and sealed in the presence of us witnesses: Elizabeth (her E Mark) Powell, Metilday (her M Mark) Tayre and William Robinson.

On June 2, 1721 came before the Court Matilda Tyrer, Elizabeth Powell and William Robinson swearing an oath that they saw her declare this will and instrument as her last will and testament and that she was in perfect memory at the time. Samuel Hopkins
Somerset Dpt. Comiser.

(Worcester Wills MH #3, 203-204)

WILLIAM POWELL

-1720

In the name of God Amen I William Powell of Somerset County in ye province of Maryland planter being in my perfect sense and memory praised be given to Almighty God therefore and calling to mind ye mortality of my body and that it is appointed unto all men to die make and ordain dn declare this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows and in the first place I recommend my soul to God my creator who gave it hopefully it will be saved through his death and sufferings and as for my body I to ye earth from which all was taken to be buried in a decent like manner as to my executors will and as touching such worldly possessions as late wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I leave dispose as follows. This is to be my last will and testament revoking making void and disannulling and disclaiming all other wills and testaments herefore by me made and I will that all my debts yt I owe rightly or honestly to any manner of persons be first satisfied and contented and payed and the rest and residue of my estate both real and personal to be disposed of as follows:

ITEM: I give to my well beloved daughter Mary Powell this plantation here already settled as far as until it comes to where Johnsons line _____ acres together with the handmill and one young black horse not crookbranded with an S V P which her mother is to see and put hire in cows for her.
(?)

I also give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Powell the other part of the same tract of land from the said Johnsons line southward it and the other bean a part of a tract of land called the Gift to her with one young grey horse branded with the forth figure in which her mother is to do unto her as to the other daughters hors.

I also will and bequeath unto my dear and loving and faithful wife all the residue of the rest of my worldly estate and also to my wife I leave sole executors of this my last will and testament as witness my hand and sine this 2nd day of January 1720/1.

Signed and sealed and delivered
in the presence of us witnesses:

William Robison
Thomas Browne
Jenat X Robison

I also will that my wife hold the plantation during her lifetime.

Likewise God and Henery Smock and Nathaniel Ratleyf as proper guardians over this my wife and children.

William Powell (Seal)

This 10th day of March 1720/1 came before me ye within named William Robison, Thomas Browne, and Jennett Robison in their proper persons and made oaths upon ye holy Evangelist.

BENJAMIN SCHOOLFIELD 1720

In ye name of God Amen. I BENJAMIN SCHOOLFIELD of Somerset County. .being at this time sick but of sound and perfect memory thanks be to God for ye service and know that all flesh must die when God shall be pleased to call hath thought it reasonable to make this my last will and testament making and void and null all former wills deeds and testaments by me made and doe ordain and appoint this and this only to be my last will and testament in manner and form as follows:

FIRST I doe give and bequeath my immortal should unto God ye gave it me firmly believing if I shall receive pardon and remission of my sins through ye precious debts and merits of my blessed savior and Redeemer Christ Jesus and Lord my body I bequeath to ye earth from whence it was taken to be interred at ye direction of my executrix hereafter named and as for such worldly estate as ye Lord in mercy hath given now I give and bequeath as follows :

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my loving Brother JOSEPH SCHOOLFIELD and to he heirs of his body lawfully begotten all my lands lying in Pocomoke hundred and thousand part of a tract of land called Desart and one other called Recovery and I give and bequeath to my said brother and to his heirs afsd five hundred acres of land ye lower part of ye tract I now live on called SMITHS FIRST CHOICE to be possessed by my said brother or his heirs aforesaid after ye decease of my loving wife Elizabeth Schoolfield.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto Benjamin Purnell his heirs and assigns forever three hundred acres of land called UNITY adjoining to ye land where now live on

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto Armwell Robert Vigerous his heirs and assigns forever two hundred acres of land ye upper part of ye tract called Smiths First Choice provided ye said Armwell Robert Vigerous his heirs and assigns shall and well alienate confirm and make the said provided he allow Joseph Schoolfield and his heirs the piece of that land aforesaid described....

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my sister Margaret Selby and her heirs and assigns my house and and Doll my Negro boy called Sam.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my brother Joseph Schoolfield my Negro boy called Kisso also one feather bed and furniture and also my wearing clothes.

ITEM: I give and bequeath all ye remaining part of my estate in whatsoever sort kind whatsoever to my dear and loving wife Elizabeth Schoolfield and her heirs and assigns two negroes one named will and a father Sambo which are by this my will to be proper rite of my brother Joseph Schoolfield at my wifes death or marriage which shall happen first.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my cosin Henry Schoolfield son of my brother Henry deceased my silver headed caine further my will and desire is that my will be by my loving wife whom I make sole executrix proved within convenient time after my decease . . .

In witness of this therefore I have hereunto set my hand and fixed my seal this second day of May, 1720.

Signed and sealed and delivered in the presents of us

Samuel Davis

Thomas Purnell

William Bratan

Quanton Bratton

BENJAMIN SCHOOLFIELD (Seal)

Memorandum on ye day 31st of May, 1720 came before me William and Quanton Bratten Samuel Davis and Thomas Purnell to take the oath that they had seen the will signed. and that the testator was in his right senses.

Worcester County Wills MH#3, 179-180.

JEREMIAH POYNTER -1720/21

In the name of God Amen. I Jeremiah Poynter being at present weak and sick and in low condition as to my bodily health but of sound and perfect memory for which I praise the Lord and taking into my serious consideration the frailty and mortality of my nature and the uncertainty of my life where upon earth. I do make this my last will hereby revoking and annulling all former wills and testaments by me made. I do constitute this to be my last will and testament. In the first place I bequeath my soul to God my blessed and merciful creator begging from and looking to him for the salvation of the same by the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ my blessed redeemer and my body to the earth from whence it was taken by faith expecting the Resurrection of the same and unto what worldly estates or goods the Lord has been pleased to bestow upon my will concerning the same is as followeth:

IMPRIMUS: I leave and bequeath to my eldest son Jeremiah Poynter the housing, orchards, and other conveyances where I now (live) these conveyances to be understood of any Reall and personal estates: with two hundred acres of land convenient or adjoining to the same to be enjoyed and possessed by him and his heirs forever.

ITEM: I bequeath to my daughter Mary Poynter two hundred acres of land adjoining to these two hundred acres bequeathed to my son Jeremiah as before, and running up towards the old plantation, I bequeath the same to her and her heirs forever. The two hundred acres to be laid out upon the Easternmost side of the plantation where I now live and joining upon the line of Jeremiah Townsend.

ITEM: I bequeath to my son John Poynter and to his heirs forever two hundred acres of land adjoining to the land already bequeathed to my son Jeremiah and daughter Mary, the same to include the orchard belonging to the old plantation.

ITEM: I bequeath to my son Nehemiah (?) one hundred acres of land adjoining and leading upon the 200 acres bequeathed to John. The same one hundred acres of land my will is that it return to John Pointer my son and his heirs forever after the death of my son Nehemiah.

ITEM: To my well-beloved wife Helena I leave and bequeath the possessions, improvements and benefits of the plantation whereon I now live until such time as my son Jeremiah comes to the age of 21 years.

ITEM: My will is that my personal estate be divided in three equal parts, my wife to enjoy 1/3 part and the other two to be divided equally and in equal portions to my four children already mentioned.

ITEM: I do by this my last will and testament appoint and constitute my well-beloved wife Helena to be the executrix of the same requesting that my loving friend Abraham Smith may take . . . and to assist my executrix . In confirmation of all which I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 27 th day of January, 1720/21.

JEREMIAH POYNTER (SEAL)

witnesses:

Samuel Davis,

Jeremiah (His mark) Townsend

Abraham Smith

Worcester Wills MH3, fol. 188-189

JAMES ATKINSON

- 1721

In the name of God Amen, I JAMES ATKINSON of Somerset County in the province of Maryland, Cooper, being sick and weak of body but of sound memory do make ordain this my last will and testament revoking and disannulling all other wills and testaments whatsoever by me made by writing or other ways whatsoever and calling to mind the uncertainty of this transitory life and that all flesh must join unto Death when it shall please the Almighty God to call do bequeath my soul unto the hands of my ever blessed savior Jesus Christ hoping that through his death and passion on the cross to enjoy the kingdom of heaven prepared and appointed for his chosen Elect my body to the dust from whence it came to be buried in Christian like manner as for my personal or temporal estate which it hath pleased the Almighty God of his great goodness far beyond my deserts to bestow I leave and bequeath as followeth it is my will that all such debts that are justly due be paid by my executrix hereafter named.

Item: I leave and bequeath unto my well beloved wife **Pation Atkinson** the plantation that I lived on with the houses and benefits of all the land I possess during her natural life and after the decease of my said wife I leave and bequeath my land aforesaid with one hundred acres of land called Coopers Punkin unto my son **Samuel Atkinson** his heirs and assigns.

Item: I leave and bequeath unto my well beloved wife Pation all my moveable estate excepted hereafter exempted.

I leave and bequeath to my son **John Atkinson** one colt and all the cattle and hoggs that goes or is called by the name of his running with my flocks.

Item: I leave and bequeath unto my said son Atkinson one featherbed.

Item: I leave and bequeath unto my son **Isaac Atkinson** the choice of my colts and also one brown mare running in the Indian Town if found branded with I A @ one yearling heiffer with increase.

Item: I leave and bequeath unto my son Isaac Atkinson all my cooper's working tools and one cow and ewe and one young sow when he shall be of his age of twenty years old.

Item: I leave and bequeath unto my son **JOSHUA ATKINSON** one two year old horse running in the Indian Town branded with my brand and two year old heiffer and her increase one ewe or ewe lamb and her increase.

Item: I leave and bequeath unto my son **Angelo Atkinson** one cow calf and the male increase of the same until he shall be of age and one ewe or ewe lamb with her increase.

Item: I leave and bequeath unto my son **Samuel Atkinson** one cow calf to be delivered him at the age of ten years and one ewe lamb and the female increase of each until he shall be of the age of sixteen years and then the increase of both male and female.

Item: I leave and bequeath unto my daughter Rachel Jackson Twelve Pence (?)

Item: I leave and bequeath unto my daughter Thamer (Hanner) Atkinson twelve pence(?)

Item: I give and bequeath unto my daughter Baxter Atkinson the cow and calf and one ewe lamb with their male increase they to be delivered to her at ten years old

Item: I leave and bequeath unto my son **Isaac Atkinson** twenty acres of land lately taken up and lying and being near Marshy hope branch and _____ the name as yet unknown to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I leave and bequeath Joshua and Angelow Atkinson two hundred and fifty acres of land being part of a patent of 350 acres being near the plantation of Edward Jones Creeping Bush called Poor Hall to be equally divided between my two sons Joshua and Anselow their heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I leave and bequeath to my exec. hereafter named full power and authority to dispose of the said tract of land for the use of my said sons Joshua and Anglow and to make over the same by indenture or other _____ and the effects or price of it to be equally divided between them the said Joshua and Anslow Atkinson.

Item: I leave and bequeath all my sons to be of full age at eighteen years if in case my said wife Pation shall marry and if otherwise not to be of age until they shall be of the age of twenty years. Each at which time my will is that each knows his portion of my estate to be equally divided between my wife Isaac Atkinson Joshua Atkinson Angelow Atkinson and Samuel Atkinson and Backster Atkinson.

Item: I leave and bequeath my loving wife Pation Atkinson my whole and sole executrix of this my last will and testament. In witness my hand and seal this 20th day of April anno. dom 1717.

James Atkinson (Seal)

Signed and sealed and delivered int he presence of us

Jeremiah Morris

Eleanor + Morris

Donnock Dennis.

Then came Donnock Dennis one of the subscribers witness to the within will took oath upon the holy evangells of Almighty God that he saw the within named James Atkinson the testator sign and seal the within instrument as his last will and testament and that he heard him publish and declare the same so to be and that at the time of his so doing he was of sound disposing mind and memory to be best of his knowledge and that Jeremiah Morris and Eleanor Morris the two other subscribing witnesses to the said will were found and subscribed the same at the same time being thereunto requested by the said testator.

Sworn before me this day and year above written.

John Tunstall dept. Comm.

I Patience Atkinson widow named executrix of the last will and testament of my deceased husband James Atkinson to hereby renounce all gifts legacies and bequests to me made by my dead husband in and by the said will and do hereby declare that I expect and claim one third part of his estate real and personal as the law in such cases directs and that I am willing to prove the said will for the benefit of the legatees therein named and I do hereby accept the executorship and pray for letters testamentary as witnesseth my hand this 3rd day of November anno dom. 1721.

Patience Atkinson

Somerset County Wills Liber 17, 89-90.

Elizabeth Bishop
-1721

In the name of God Amen. I Elizabeth Bishop being weak in body but of sound and perfect judgement do make this my last will and testament.

Imprimus: I commend my soul to God Almighty and hopes that through ye alone meritts of Jesus Christ that all my sins shall be freely pardoned.

Item: It is my will to leave in ye hands of my executor Hugh Mellson one hundred acres of land to be disposed of by him or his sons for ye years of my three sons to viz. William, James, and John between to them, their heirs, and assigns forever ye land given and bequeathed to me by my husband George Bishop.

Item: I give and bequeath to my father William Mellsons my hole eleven lotts and rights of my servant James _____.

Item: It is my will to give and bequeath to my daughter Hannah _____, together with all my women slaves.

Item: It is my will to give and bequeath all my personalty estate unto my five children Hannah, Samuell and William, James and John Bratten to be equally divided among them.

Item: It is my will that my beloved brother Hugh Mellson my hole and sole executor of this my last will and testament revoking and renouncing all other wills be me heretofore made. As witness my hand and seal this 31 day of November(?) 1721/2.

Elizabeth Bishop
her mark

In presents of us:
William Bratten
Quanton Bratten
James Hopkins

Wor. Wills MH #3, 217-18

GEORGE BISHOP
- 1721

In the name of God Amen. I, George Bishop, being weak in body but of sound and perfect judgement do make this my last will and testament.

IMPRIMUS: I commend my soul to God Almighty and hopes that through ye alone meritts of Jesus Christ that all my sins shall be freely pardoned.

ITEM: It is my will that whatever estate I am possessed of in this world I leave and bequeath to my wife ELIZABETH BISHOP except my aforesaid wife marry after my decease and if so be.

ITEM: It is my will to leave and bequeath to my brother CHARLES BISHOP my house, barn, and what belongeth thereto except a hundred acres. I leave and bequeath to my aforesaid wife to her heirs, administrators, and assigns forever it is my will ye my foresaid wife be my whole Executor of this my last will and testament. I hereby declare this to be my last will and testament renouncing, declaring and revoking all other wills made by me. In Testimony hereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal ye fourteenth of December Anno Domini 1720.

George C Bishop
his mark

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of us: Robert Bratten, Quanton Bratten

(Worcester Wills MH #3, Liber 216-17)

NATHANIEL ENNIS
- 1721

In the name of God Amen, the 18th day of December 1720 I Nathaniel Ennis in the province of Maryland first recommend my soul to God. I make my brother William Ennis and my betrothed wife Elizabeth Ennis my executors.

ITEM: I bequeath to my loving wife one hundred acres of land called Enis Addition.

ITEM: I bequeath to my brother WILLIAM ENNIS four hundred acres of land in St. Martins called Killkenney and my lott in Snow Hill Town which I bought of William Robinson, this to my wife is for her life time and after her decease to my brother WILLIAM ENNIS and his ayres forever. This is my last will and testament .

Witnesses: Edward Miles, Benjamin Tull, Elizabeth X (her mark) Tull
NATHANIEL ENNIS (seal)

Somerset County April 4, 1721 came before me Benjamin Tull and Elizabeth Tull in their proper persons and made oaths upon the holy Evangels that they saw ye testator sign and deliver ye above instrument of his last will and testament. Test. Sam Hopkins

(Worcester County Wills, MH #3, folio 187)

THOMAS POYNTER, JR.

-1721

In the name of God, Amen, February 16, 1720/21, I, Thomas Poynter of Somerset County, etc.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my eldest daughter Lydia [Lyda] my plantation in Kent County Delaware called Banmoeus (?) Branch to her and her heirs forever four calves and calves to be sold at the best advantage and the money to be put to use until she come to the age of 16 years one iron pott of five gallons.

Item: I also give one iron kettle of two gallons one small iron pott of two gallons, and one good new chest with a lock and key and all that is therein also one chest of drawers att Samuel Spence's and also two pair of trainmaces (?) I also give to well-beloved son Thomas Poynter all my land lying and being in Somerset County on Innises Creek which I have made from improvements one to him and his heirs and assigns forever. I give and bequeath three gold buckles and also one silver watch with chain and locket and also six or seven dozen silver buttons and also one feather bed with furniture thereunto and one buccaneers gunn and I also give to my daughter Lydia one featherbed and furniture. I also give to my youngest daughter Mary Pointer one feather bed with furniture and also one Negro woman to her and her heirs and assigns forever. I also give and bequeath to Temperance Derrickson one three year old heiffer with her increase male or female to her and her heirs forever and also one gold ring and if she die without issue that then Joseph Derrickson. I also give to my youngest daughter Mary as aforesaid one suite of apparrell of silk crepe and I do appoint my two brothers John Poynter and Richard Poynter executors of this my last will and testament.

Thomas T his mark Poynter

witnesses:

Joseph Attkins

Daniel his mark Wharton

William Sallmon

Oct. 5, 1721 came before us the above witnesses.

Worcester Wills MH3, fol. 210-211.

MARGERY RATCLIFFE

-1721

In the name of god Amen the 25th day of the year of our lord God 1721, I Margery Ratcliff of Somerset County and province of Maryland being weak of body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be to Almighty God therefore and calling to mind the uncertainty of my body and that it is appointed for all men and women sure to dye do make and ordain this my last will and testament in the manner following:. ..

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my well-beloved sonnet William two four year old steers.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my granddaughter Elizabeth Callings one ewe and lame and my best gown of worsted.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my granddaughter Bridget Turvill on e two year old heiffer

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my granddaughter Mary Turvill one two year old heiffer.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my granddaughter Rachel Turvill one two year old heiffer and her sister Margery is to have the first calf and my worsted gown and two petticoats.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my daughter Arcadia Donaho ten shillings to be payed at her demand after my decease.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Germaond two cows and calf together with my silk crape suit and one fine sed piety coat and musling aprone.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my grandson William Truitt one two year old heiffer.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my granddaughter Ann Truite one two year old heifer and her brother Jordy Truitt is to have the first calf of the said heifer.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth Purnell one pair of bodices and smauck and one handkerchief and one pair of fine Pend Stockings.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth Purnell Junior one two year old heifer.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto Arcadia Porter one shirt gowne and petticoat of my said stuffe.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my grand daughter Arcadia Pointer's children Ratcliffe, Ann, and Turvill one two year old mair to use.

item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Arcadia Turvill one pile of stuff for gown and petticoat. I give and bequeath unto my grandson John Turvill one two year old heifer.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my granddaughter Mary Turvill one two year old heifer and one black hood and one holland apron.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my well beloved son John Turvill all the rest and residue of my estate whatsoever and wherever I also constitute my whole and sole executor and hereby I disallow and disannul all previous wills. . .Margery Rackliffe the day and year above written.

MARGERY MR Ratcliffe Seal

Signed sealed and published:

Mary M Tall

William Robisone

May 7, 1722 then came Mary Fall and William Robinson subscribing evidences to the within will who made oaths upon the holy Evangelist. etc.

NATHANIEL RACKLIFFE
-1722

In the name of God Amen this thirteenth day of December in the year of our lord 1721, I Nathaniel Rackliffe of Somersett County in ye province of Maryland planter being very sick and weak in body but of perfect sound memory thanks be given unto God . . .

ITEM: I give devise and dispose of the same in following manner and form:

FIRST: I give and bequeath my youngest son Nathaniel all that tract of land which I now live on containing seven hundred acres which seven hundred acres being two tracts called Havens desire the ne and the other adjoining to it which land I give to him the said Nathaniel with al and singular the appurtenances thereunto belonging to him and his heirs forever as also I give and bequeath unto him ye said Nathaniel one Negro child to be delivered at the age of sixteen.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my eldest son Edward one Negro to be deliver at the age of sixteen

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my daughter Comfort one Negro to be delivered at the age above said as also to my three children above named.

ITEM: that they share and have and enjoy each of them a feather bed furniture to be delivered at the age of sixteen years and I desire also that my two sons Edward and Nathaniel should be at age for themselves at the age of 18 and the rest of my estate excepting my wife thirds. I desire that my three children forenamed should have equally divided amongst them and likewise constitute make and ordain my well beloved wife Rachell to be my only sole executrix of this my last will and testament of all and singular my moveable estate. And I do disallow revoke annul make void any past wills or testaments by me made. In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal this day above written.

NATHANIEL RACKLIFFE

Testes: John Smith
Tabitha Smith

Memorandum: that this 9th day of March 1722 came before me John Smith and Tabitha Smith within mentioned in their proper persons. . .

JOHN DEVEREAUX (DEVROX)
-1721/2

In the name of God Amen, this first day of January 1721/2 I John Devrox of All Hallows Parish in the county of Somerset being sick of body but of good and perfect memory thanks be to Almighty God for etc. I will that all my just debts and dues be payd.

ITEM: I give and bequeath the Plantation to my dear son Samuel Devrox that is the land that the plantation is upon the tracts being to be divided in three parts the land belonging to the Plantation begins at a gumm standing att the plantation where Thomas Scott lived running from that along a gully of water to the house and gully which I leave to him and to his heirs and assigns only while my wife lives a widow I desire she should have the parole of this plantation.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my son JOHN all the land that lys on the south side of the gully aforementioned to him his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my son James Devrox and to his heirs and assigns forever all the land that lys above the hills.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my son Cornelius Devrox ten pounds out of the personal estate.

ITEM: I give to my daughter Comfort Devrox ten pounds out of my personal estate.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my dear and loving wife ten pounds out of my personal estate all this 3 loges (?) is to be payd in current money of Maryland.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my son Samuel Devrox 1 gunne and all my working tools (?). I give unto my son John John (sic) Devrox one pence.

ITEM: I give unto my son James Devrox one gunne.

ITEM: I give to my son Cornelius Devrox one gunne.

ITEM: It is my will that all the rest of my personal estate be equally divided in equal parts--that is to say wife and six children. And I do hereby nominate and appoint my dearly beloved wife Anne Devrox and my sons Samuel Devrox to be the sole executors of this last will and testament. Witness to my hand and fixed my seal the day and date above said.

Signed sealed in presence of us William Hall

Isaac G Geer

Eleanor E Patton

JOHN X DEVROX Seal

Adam Spence Senr.

May 7th, 1722 then came William Hall Jane (Isaac?) Geer, and Eleanor Patten and Adam Spence subscribing evidences to ye within will that they see the within named John Devrox the testator sign and seale.

WORCESTER COUNTY WILLS, MH3, folios 219-220.

CHARLES ENNIS

- 1725

In the name of God Amen, I Charles Ennis of ye county and province of Somerset Maryland and being in a languishing condition and willing to settle my temporal affairs make my will as followeth:

ITEM: I bequeath unto my son NATHANIEL ENNIS the one half of my land and half marsh that is to say my plantation and the other half my land and marsh unto my son CHARLES ENNIS and I give and bequeath unto my son Charles my mill and I give and bequeath unto my son Nathaniel my grind stone and all that God almighty has been pleased to bestow upon me I give and bequeath unto my two sons to be equally divided. And I ordain my true and well beloved wife MARY ENNIS to be whole and sole executrix of this my last will and testament. As witness my hand and seal this 26th day of July 1717. CHARLES ENNIS (SEAL)

Signed in the presence of us: CORNELIUS C (his mark) ENNIS and JOHN WEBB

AUGUST 3, 1725 came John Webb and Cornelius Ennis subscribing witnesses to the will and they made oath that they saw Charles Ennis sign the will. JOHN TUNSTALL, depty commsry of Somersett.

(Rerecorded in WORCESTER LIBER JW #15, 244-245)

JAMES HOGG

- 1725/26

In the name of God Amen the 29th of January 1725/6 I Jeams (James) Hogg of Summersett County and province of Maryland, planter, being in health and perfect mind and memory blessed be God for the same and calling to mind the mortality of my body and that it is appointed for all men unto dye I do make, constitute and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form as followeth revoking, disannulling all and every will and testament before me made and this and no other is to be taken for my last will and testament and first of all I give my soul to God who gave it me and my body to this earth to be buried in Christian like manner as my Executor hereafter named shall then to sit as for the estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in the world. I give and dispose of as follows:

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my eldest son JEAMS (JAMES) all the plantation on the east side of Church Branch called and going by the name of Showells Addition and my hand mill, plow, harrow and making wages and that he be learned to read and write and learned the trade of a cooper.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my son JOHN all that plantation lying and being on the north side of Church Branch named and called Showell's Addition and that he be learned to read and write and learned a trade.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my daughter CATHERINE all my part of the joint stock of cows that is joined betwixt me and Edward Moore and my greatest iron pott and feather bed and furniture and one cow left to her by her grandfather and their increase.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my son ANDREW out of my estate one hundred acres of land to be taken up and payed for out of my estate and when he come to the age of sixteen then I ordain one two year old heifer to be given him and learned to read and write and the said heifer and her increase to be for his use and learned a trade.

ITEM: And all the within mentioned bequests to these my children and every one of them and their heirs and assigns forever as also if any of them shall dye before they come to years of maturity then that ones part shall be equally divided amongst the rest of my children.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto me loving and well beloved wife SARRY (SARAH?) all the rest and remainder of my estate and her choice of all my plantations her lifetime her I constitute my whole and sole Executrix. An Hereby I publish, pronounce and declare this to be my last will and testament.

Jeames H Hogg
his mark

Signed and sealed in presence of us
William Robinson, James Robinson, Rachel Williams
his mark her mark

Samuel Showell sold the above 210 acres of land May 21, 1698
(Worcester County Wills MH #3 Liber 277-8)

MARY COPES - 1723

In the name of God, Amen, I, Mary Copes of Accomack Countie in the province of Virginia, being very sick and weak of body but of perfect memorie blessed be ye name of God and knowing the uncertainty of this transitory life and willing to settle my temporall estate. In the first I give and committ my soull to God who gave it and my body to the earth from whence it came to be decently buried at the discretion of my executors heretofore named and do believe in the resurrection of the body and the remission of my sins and ye life everlasting and for all sins committed am heartily penitent for and hope for the forgiveness of the same and when all my lawfull debts being payd I give and bequeath my will as followeth----

IMPRIMUS: I give and bequeath to my loving son ABRAHAM OUTTEN all the money that I am now possest with and like wise all the money that is due to me abroad either by note, bill or bond that is due or shall become due.

Secondly: I give and bequeath to my loving children ABRAHAM OUTTEN and HESTER OUTTEN all the remainder of my estate of goods and movables and my desire is that it be equalie divided betwixt them and if either of them should die while they remain single it is my will that the longer liver take all.

I do nominate and apoint my well beloved children Abraham Outten and his sister Hester Outten to be my whole and sole executors of my estate. I acknowledge this to be my last will and testament as witnesseth my hand and seal this tenth day of February 1723----

Memorandum my will and desire is that my granddaughter MARY TRUITT shall have one year old heaffer with all the increase delivered to her father by my executor and executrix.

Mary Her Mark Copes (Seal)

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of us

Also I give unto my grandson John Outten son of Thomas Outten my iron pott which is in the possession of my son Thomas Outten.

Andrew Allen
Matilda X West
Elizabeth X Smallsbe
William Selby
Sabrow X Outten

Proved on October 4, 1726 and admitted to record.

Charles Snead, Cur.

(Accomack County, Virginia., Wills and Deeds, 1715-1729, vol. 1. p. 259.)

THOMAS OUTTEN

-1726

Md. Somerset County. In the name of God Amen, I, Thomas Outten of the county and province aforementioned being very sick and weak in body but of perfect memory and for the settling of my temporal estate and knowing the uncertainty of the transitory life.

First, I do commend my soul to God who gave it and my body to the earth to be decently buried and I hope to be saved through the merits of Savior the Lord Jesus Christ and at the day of resurrection rise to life eternal devise this my last will and testament:

I devise my temporal estate as follows:

IMPRIMUS: I give and bequeath unto William Selby a small parcel of marsh at the mouth of a gut or water course till it meets the line dividing between the trace of land called Simpleton and the land of William Selby and running along the said line south fifty four degrees. . . to the small creek and _____ running along the creek to the Mulberry poste for four acres more or less. I give and bequeath the said small parcel of marsh and land to William Selby and his heirs forever.

SECONDLY: My will is that my beloved wife shall have the use of my house and plantations and I give also and bequeath to my well-beloved wife the third part of movable estate to my loving wife.

THIRDLY: I give and bequeath to my son THOMAS OUTTEN my plantation I now dwell on with all the land appertaining and belonging to it bequeathed to me by my father John Outten's last will and testament to him and his heirs forever wholly to be possessed by him after his mother's decease.

FOURTHLY: I give and bequeath _____ 3 coves and calves to my son SAMUEL OUTTEN to be delivered to him when he comes of age.

FIFTHLY: I give and bequeath all the remainder of my personal estate to be divided namely: John Outten, Thomas Outten, Samuel Outten, Elizabeth Outten, and Abraham Outten to be equally divided among them.

I do nominate and appoint my loving wife to be my executrix of this my will.

Written by my hand this third day of January, 1725.

Memo: In the will on this side is written that my wife shall have but half of my land and plantation

after she marries but my will is that she shall peaceably enjoy the whole till my son Thomas Outten comes of age of 18 years old and then my loving wife to enjoy half of the land having signed and sealed and acknowledged January 6, 1726 in the presence of

George Truitt
Abraham Outten
Samuel Truitt

THOMAS OUTTEN (Seal)

May (?) 19, 1726 then came George Truitt, Abraham Outten, and Samuel Truitt and took the oath.
. . that they saw Thomas Outten sign the will.

WORCESTER COUNTY Wills, MH3, fol. 247-248.

PATIENCE ATKINSON

Somerset County:

To all Christian people to whome these presents shall come--I Patience Atkinson of Somerset County send Greetings. Know ye that I Patience Atkinson for and in consideration of the love good will and affection which I have and do bare toward my loving Children Angeloe Atkinson and Samuell Atkinson both of Somerset County have given and granted and by these present do fully and freely clearly and absolutely give and grant unto ye said Angelo Atkinson sand Samuell Atkinson all and singular everything that I possess or is called mine debts, dews and demands whatever they be absolutely without any maunt of condition as I the said Patience Atkinson have fully freely and absolutely and of my own accord sett and quitt in further testimony in witnesses whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seal this 23 day of March anno dom. 1726/7.

P the mark of Patience

Atkinson

Signed sealed and delivered
in the presents of us
Robert Gibbs Junior
Hannah Gibbs
B Mark of Baxter Atkinson

Maryland : Be it remembered that upon the twenty fourth day of March ano dom one thousand seven hundred twenty six before me ye subferi her one of his lordships the lord proprietor justices of ye provincial court of Maryland came Robert Gibbs Junior and made oath on the Holy Evangelist of almighty God that he saw Patience Atkinson sign seal and execute the above deed and that he and Hannah Gibbs and Baxter Atkinson did subscribe the same as witness in testimony whereof I have hereto sett my hand this day and year above. Levin Gale.

Somerset County Md. Deed Book TH 0-16, p. 72.

NOTE: [Witnesses Hannah Gibbs and Baxter Atkinson are daughters of Patience Atkinson; there has been confusion as to whether James and Patience had a daughter Tamer or Hannah. This deed of gift clearly shows that the name is Hannah, **not Tamar.**]

WILLIAM SCOTT OF ANNEMESSIX

- 1727

In the name of God, Amen. I William Scott of ANNAMESSIX in ye County of Somerset in ye province of Maryland being sick and weak yet of perfect sense and memory blessed be God for it do make this my last will and testament revoking all former will or wills whatsoever.

IMPRIMUS: I bequeath my soul to ye Almighty God and my body to be decently buried as my executors shall think fitt hoping at ye resurrection of ye body for life everlasting through ye merits of Jesus Christ our Lord.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my eldest daughter DEBORAH SCOTT and ye heirs of her body this plantation where I now live beginning at the lower end of the peach orchard and running southwest crossing my land for a proper division between my two daughters and do will that my daughter ELIZABETH SCOTT shall have a comfortable living jointly with her my eldest daughter DEBORAH SCOTT upon this said track of land until she be possest with the other part of my said land and then to deliver up to her the said DEBORAH this title and interest.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my daughter Deborah the bed and furniture and the oldest of the silk ruggs with ye furniture belonging to ye bed and her mother's _____kettle and ye short gunn and half the pewter.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my young daughter ELIZABETH SCOTT the old plantation where my father lived beginning at the lower end of my _____ land all downwards breadth and length which peach orchard shall be the division between _____ and the heirs of their bodies.

ITEM: I give and bequeath the bed on the loft with ye new ---- and the furniture belonging to it, the great pott and little pott and long gown and half of the pewter ---- confirm and constitute my two daughters DEBORAH SCOTT and ELIZABETH SCOTT to be jointly executrixes leaving my uncle WILLIAM WILSON, THOMAS ADD _____ and my brother John Scott overseers _____ hereof I have hereunto sett my hand and fixt my seal ye seventh day of March ann. Dom. one thousand seven hundred and twenty four/five.

Proved sealed and signed

WILLIAM SCOTT SEAL

in the presence of us: William Wilson, Randal Long James

August 16, 1727 Then came William Wilson Randal Long and Joseph Eames subscribing evidencers to ye will who made oath upon the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God that they saw ye William Scott sign and seal ye within instrument as his last will and do declare ye same so to be and that at ye time he was of sound and disposing memory to ye best of their knowledge and sworne before me. David Wilson Dept. Commr. of Som.

(Somerset County EB #9, folios 113-114)

CORNELIUS ENNIS

-1727/1728

In the name of God, Amen. I, Cornelius Innes taking into my serious consideration ye uncertainty of this transitory life and the certainty of death do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following :

Imprimus, I commit my soul unto ye hands of Almighty God my Creator hoping through the atonement of Jesus Christ my redeemer to obtain full pardon and remission of all my sins and my body to the Earth from whence it was taken decently to be Buried at the Discretion of my Executrix and Executor hereafter named. . .

Item: I give and bequeath unto my loving Wife Mary Innes the third part of my plantation whereon I now live during her lifetime with all ye appurtenances thereunto belonging.....

Item: I give and bequeath unto my loving son Cornelius Innes two hundred acres of land lying next the Bay being part of the tract of land called Cannarday unto him and his heirs for ever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my loving son John Innes two hundred acres of land lying at ye head being part of my tract of land aforesaid called Caneday to him and his heirs for ever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my loving son Samuel Innes three hundred and fifteen acres of land called Fearon Hills to him and his heirs for ever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my son Cornelius Innes and John Innes liberty to gitt what liberty they both stand in need of for to git timber on that tract called Fearon Hill for the use of their plantations whereon they shall live.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my son Samuel Innes ye liberty of my whole marshes and pastures ground for his creatures unto him and his heirs use of ye tract of land called Caneday. . .

Item: I give and bequeath all my personal estate after all my lawfull debts are paid unto my loving wife Mary Innes and all my Children to be equally divided amongst them all and this my will is that my wife and son Cornelius Inness be my executor and executrix of this my last will and testament revoking all my

former wills or deeds as witness my hand and shall this 11th day of November Anno Domini 1727.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged in the presence of us: Abraham Smith

William Morris

Isaac Brittingham

Cornelius Ignis

On the back of the aforegoing will was thus written viz: March
20, 1727/1728:

Then came Abraham Smith and Isaac Brittingham subscribing evidence to ye within will and made oath upon he holy evangels and of Almighty god that they did see ye within named Cornelius Ennis make his marke and fix his seal to ye within writing declaring ye same to be his last will and

testament and that at ye time of his so doing he was of perfect and disposing mind and memory and that

ye said Abraham Smith and Isaac Brittingham do further declare that they did see ye within named William Morris subscribe his name as wittneseth thereto. Sworn before me ye Day and Year above written. David Wilson Dep.Comsy of Somerset County. Worcester County Wills MH #3, 269.

THOMAS ROBINS

- 1730

In the name of God, Amen, February the fifteen day Anno Domini 1730 I Thomas Robins of Somerset County in the province of Maryland being sick and weak of body but of sound and perfect memory thanks be to the Almighty and calling to remembrance the uncertain estate of this transitory life and that all flesh must yield unto death when it shall please God to call do make, constitute, ordain and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following, revoking and making null and void all other wills and testaments by me hereafter made or declared either in word or wrighting and this to be taken for my last will and testament and no other. First, being penitent and sorry for my sins past from the bottom of my heart most humbly desiring forgiveness for the same, I give and consecrate my soul unto God my Savior and Redeemer in whom I trust assuredly to be saved and to have full pardon and remissions of all my sins and that my soul with my body at the general day of Resurrection shall rise again with joy and possess the kingdom of Heaven prepared for his elect and chosen and my body to the ground to be buried with decent burial and for this settling of my temporall estate of such land, goods, chattels, and credits as shall please God for above my assets to bestow upon me. I do give, order and dispose of the same in manner and form following. First I will that these debts and dutys which I now in right conscience to any manner of person or persons whatsoever may be well and truly paid by my Executor hereafter named.

IMPRIMUS: I give and bequeath unto my son JOHN ROBINS and to the issue of his body that plantation whereon Samuel Hudson formerly dwelt with all the land that shall be contained between Nehemiah(s) line of marked trees and the middle of the little swamp that is to the southside of the plantation aforesaid running with a line speculate(?) with Nehemiah Hollands line from the line of marked trees between the said tract of land and William Cord land to pass through the middle of the aforesaid little swamp to be at Littleton's line of his land.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my son JAMES ROBINS all that tract or parcel of land with I bought of Ma_____ Andrews lying and being in Dorchester County on black water to him, his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my son THOMAS ROBINS that parcel of land I bought of John Justice and Mary his wife it being the land formerly of MR. JOHN DOD(?) on Sarahs Creek in Gloucester County in York River, Virginia. The said land I give unto my said son THOMAS and unto the issue of his body lawfully begotten excepting it should so happen that my said son Thomas should possess his brother Bowdoin Robins land by his death or for want of issue this my will and it my desire that my son JAMES ROBINS his heirs and assigns possess and enjoy the said piece of land on York River aforesaid.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my son BOWDOIN ROBINS to his, his heirs and assigns forever all the rest of the lands which is called Gingoteague lying and being in Sommersett County and where I dwell.

ITEM: I give and bequeath my part of land and marsh on Gingoteague Island in Accomack County to go equally in common among and between my four sons to witt BOWDOIN, THOMAS, JAMES and JOHN ROBINS and their heirs forever provided also is that my son Bowdoin do confirm the

quest of land I have already given my son John Robins otherwise that part of land I have already given my son Bowdoin Robins on Gingoteague Island shall go to my beloved son JOHN ROBINS, his heirs, and assigns forever under my will and desire is that not any of my sons shall sell or dispose of their parts of my land and marsh on Gingoteague Island except to each other or to any of the Robinses who hold the other part of the aforesaid Island. I give and bequeath unto my daughter MARY ROBINS one negro girl call Rosse, one large silver porringer, three silver spoons and one silver forke and one dutch kettle--also one young horse or mare--

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my daughter EASTHER ROBINS one silver quart pot, three silver spoons, one walnut table, also one young horse or mare.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my daughter SUSANNAH ROBINS one large silver tankard, three silver spoons, one large oval table and one feather bed and furniture, also one young horse or mare.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my LOVING WIFE the use of my negro woman called Sarah during her natural life and what or all the children that the aforesaid negro woman brings within the time of my wifes life aforesaid my will is that they go to and be divided equally between my two daughters to witt ESTHER and SUSANNAH ROBINS and in case either of them depart this life before the day of marriage or thast they attain to the age of eighteen years that then the part of the departed go to the survivor.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my LOVING WIFE the one third part of personal estate not already disposed. And the remains to be equally divided among my EIGHT CHILDREN aforesaid. I do hereby nominate and appoint my loving wife Executrix with my two sons Bowdoin and Thomas Robins executors of this my last will and testament also my loving kinsman John Robins overseer to give his advice and see my will performed according to the true intent and meaning thereof and in confirmation of this my last will and testament, I have hereunto set my hand and seal pronouncing the same my last will and testament the day and year first above.

Thomas Robins

Signed, sealed and delivered and pronounced his last will and testament before us.

John Purnell, Cuthbert Russell, Jonas T Jon

John J Purnell his mark

his mark

(MH #3 Liber 295-298)

WILLIAM WILLSON, SENIOR
- 1731

In the name of God Amen. I William Willson Senior of ANNAMESSEX in the county of Somerset in the province of Maryland being weak and crasie but of sense and memorie blessed be God do make this my last will and testament revoking all others forever and wills whatsoever. IMPRIMUS: I bequeath my soul unto the Everlasting and Almighty God hoping at the resurrection of ye body for life everlasting through the merrits of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

ITEM: I leave and bequeath unto my loving wife ELIZABETH WILLSON the plantation house and land with all priviledges thereunto belonging it being ye land I now live on and the track of marsh called Pasimon Point during her lifetime and if she marry what stock of creatures should happen to be to be equally divided among her and her children.

ITEM: I bequeath and leave to my son GEORGE WILLSON after his mother's decease the foresaid plantation and marsh to him and his heirs no ways hindering his brother, John Willson to put a horse and cow in ye aforesaid marsh as occasion may serve not to seeing of it except to his brother or next of kin.

ITEM: I leave and bequeath to my son JOHN WILSON the tract of land called Hogg Ridge adjoining my planation and free to possess at one and twenty years of age no ways to sell except to his brother George Willson or next kin.

ITEM: I leave my son WILLIAM WILLSON one shilling.

ITEM: I leave my son ABRAHAM WILLSON one shilling.

ITEM: I leave my daughter [ELIZABETH]----- abine to my son John.

ITEM: I leave my son ABRAHAM WILLSON one shilling.

ITEM: I leave my loving wife administrator _____ -- hereof I have hereunto sett my hand and fixt this signature anno. Dom. One thousand seven hundred and thirty.

WILLIAM WILSON

Joseph Wilson

Josina Duncaster, Joseph Eames

_____ 1731, then came Josina Duncaster, Joseph Eames subscribing evidencers and made oath ye they see ye within named Willson ye testator sign ye instrument as his last will and testament and that they heard him publish and did so to be and at ye time of his so doing he was of sound disposing mind and Iosina Duncaster and Joseph Eames doth further declare ye John Colhoon was present and signed as evidence thereto to the best of their knowledge. David Willson dept. comr. of Somerset Co.

(Liber CC No. 3, folio 327)

(Original in LIBER EB #9, folios 136-137)

ADAM SPENCE

- 1732

In the name of God, Amen, the 13th day of February, one thousand seven hundred and thirty-two, I Adam Spence of the County of Somerset and province of Maryland, being arrived to a great age I am weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be to God for it therefore calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing it is appointed for all men once to die I do make this my last will and testament that is to say principally. First of all: I give and recommend my soul unto the hands of God who gave it and my body I recommend it to the earth to be buried in a decent and Christian like manner at the discretion of my Executor not doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same by the mighty power of God and touching such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bestow on me in this life. I give, dispose of and order in the following manner viz.

IMPRIMUS: I give and bequeath unto my loving son ADAM SPENCE all that tract or parcel of land called and known by the name of Middlesex containing one hundred and fifty acres with all the benefits, privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging to him, his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my aforesaid son Adam a lott of land in Snow Hill Town, Number Five with all the benefits, privileges, and appurtenances thereunto belonging to him, his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my son-in-law JAMES STEVENSON thirty pounds to be paid him out of my personal estate by my Executor.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my son-in-law WILLIAM HALL thirty pounds to be paid him out of my personal estate by my Executor.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my son-in-law ROBERT _____ thirty pounds to be paid him out of my personal estate by my Executor.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto the REV. MR. HUGH STEVENSON one pistole to be paid him by my Executor.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my loving son ADAM SPENCE all the remainder of any personal and real estate that is not nominated in this my last will and testament to him, his heirs, and assigns forever.

Lastly, I constitute, make and ordain my aforesaid son Adam Spence my sole Executor of this my last will and testament and I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke and disannull all and every former testaments and wills, legacies, bequests and executors by in any ways before named will and bequeathed ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Adam Spence

Signed, Sealed and published and declared by the above said Adam Spence in the presence of us Edmund Hough, Adam Bell, James Martin
(Worcester Wills MH #3 Liber 321-2)

Adam Spence
-1732

In the name of God Amen the 13th day of February one thousand seven hundred and thirty-two I Adam Spence of the County of Somerset and province of Maryland being arrived to a great age I am weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be to God for it therefore calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die I do make this my last will and testament that is to say principally.

First of all: I give and recommend my soul unto the hands of God who gave it and my body I recommend it to the earth to be buried in a decent and Christian like manner at the discretion of my Executor not doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same by the mighty power of God and touching such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life. I give dispose of and order in the following manner viz.

IMPRIMIS: I give and bequeath unto my loving son Adam Spence all that tract or parcel of land called and known by the name of Middlesex containing one hundred and fifty acres with all the benefits, privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my aforesaid son Adam a lott of land in Snow Hill Town Number five with all the benefits, privileges, and appurtenances thereunto belonging to him, his heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my son-in-law James Stevenson thirty pounds to be paid him out of my personal estate by my Executor.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my son-in-law William Hall thirty pounds to be paid him out of my personal estate by my Executor.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my son-in-law Robert _____ thirty pounds to be paid him out of my personal estate by my Executor.

Item: I give and bequeath unto the Rev. Mr. Hugh Stevenson one pistole to be paid him by my Executor.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my loving son Adam Spence all the remainder of any personal and real estate that is not nominated in this my last will and testament to him, his heirs, and assigns forever.

Lastly, I constitute make and ordain my aforesaid son Adam Spence my sole Executor of this my last will and testament and I do hereby utterly disallow revoke and disannul all and every former testaments and wills legacies bequests and executors by in any ways before named will and bequeathed ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Adam Spence

Signed, Sealed and published and
declared by the above said Adam
Spence in the presence of us
Edmund Hough
Adam Bell
James Martin

between Jno. Fleming and me to be equally divided between my three sons aforesaid.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son Saul Townsend my hand mill and grater ttable and my muskett called Robin and grate iron pott and if my son Saul should die without heirs my will is that my son Solomon Townsend should have the muskett.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son Solomon Townsend one gun caalled Backamore.

Item: My will is that my well beloved wife Rebecah Townsend to have the priviledge and use of my now dwelling plantation duraing widdowhood or naturall life and which ever happens first then to my son Saul Townsend.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Rebeccah Ennis one shilling in silver.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth [Ennis?] one shilling in silver.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Dennis one shilling in silver.

Item: I give and bequeath to my granddaughter Elizabeth Townsend daughter of Wrixham Townsend one feather bed and furniture when she shall arrive to ye years of sixteen.

Item: My will is that my two working plow and horse to remain on my now dwelling plantation.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son Solomon Townsend one cow and a calfe and grate chest.

Item: I give and bequeath the remainder of my personal estate to my wife Rebeccah Townsend Littleton Townsend Saul Townsend to be equally divided between them three.

Lastly, I leave my well-beloved wife and my son Littleton Townsend my whole and sole executor and my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seal this tenth day of January 1732/3.

John IT [his mark] Townsend (seal)

Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of us: Jno. Stewart, William Porter, and Francis Poller [?]

September the 8th 1736 came Rebecca Townsend relict and widdow of the said Jno. Townsend before me also subscribers and mde her election to their will and desire to be wholly concluded as thereby Attested: Nehemiah King

Somerset County.

September 11th 1736 came William Pointer and Francis Pointer the two surviving evidences to this will and mde oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty god. . .

CHARLES BISHOP

-1733

In the name of God Amen. I Charles Bishop have taken into my serious consideration the uncertainty of this transitory life and the certainty of death do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. I commend my soul unto the hands of Almighty God my Creator hoping through the love and merits of Jesus Christ my Redeemer to obtain full pardon of all my sins and my body to the earth from whence it was taken to be buried at the discretion of my executor hereafter named.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my true and well beloved friend Joseph Bishop and to his heirs lawfully begotten his body one tract of land called Kingsfield as far as Spring branch and if he shall die without such heirs then I give it to Benjamin Bishop.

ITEM: I give unto David Bishop the old plantation on which my brother John now lives.

ITEM: I give unto David Bishop one hundred acres of land more it being ye land my father had of Rorey Patrick.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto Samuel Ennis one young cow.

ITEM: I give unto Piercey Ennis one two year old heffer being not marked.

ITEM: I give unto Elizabeth Smith Ennis one two year old heffer.

ITEM: I give unto Ann Ennis one year old heffer.

ITEM: I give unto Cornelius Ennis one year old heffer.

ITEM: I give unto Mary Bishop one two year old heffer unmarked as also fourteen shillings in gold to make her a ring.

ITEM: I give unto Benjamin Bishop one cow.

ITEM: I give Mary Ennis Junr. one year old heffer

ITEM: I give unto David Bishop my horse.

ITEM: I give unto my sister Mary my piece of black dinner.

ITEM: I give unto Joseph Bishop one young cow.

ITEM: I give unto ELIZABETH Bishop six yards of fine lining.

ITEM: I give unto my brother John eight yards of brown holland.

ITEM: I give unto William Bishop my serge coat and vest and fine hat.

ITEM: I give unto my brother John and sister Mary all of the rest of my goods money and chattels to be equally to be divided between them both and this is my will that my brother John and sister Mary shall be my executor and executrix of this my last will and testament, revoking all other wills made before.

As witness my hand this 26 day of January 1733. Charles C Bishop (His mark)

Signed in the presence of us:

William Brittingham

Isaac Brittingham

William Houston (W) his mark

March 20, 1734 came William Brittingham Isaac Brittingham and William Houston subscribing witnesses to the will and took oat that at the time of writing the testator was of sound mind.

Signed before me Nehemiah King Deputy commissary of Somerset County. The aforegoing will was recorded in the Worcester County Records in 1807. Matthew Hopkins Reg. wills.

Worcester County Wills MH#3, 314.

JOHN OUTTEN

-1733

In the name of God Amen, I John Outten of Somerset County in the province of Maryland planter being very sick and weak of body but of perfect mind and memory, blessed be the Lord for it and calling to mind the uncertainty of this life and willing to settle my temporal estate, viz.

First: I give and commit my soul to God that gave it and my body to the earth from which it came to be buried in decent Christian burial at the discretion of my Executrix hoping to receive the _____ by the mighty power of the Almighty God through Jesus Christ our Lord at the great day of resurrection and as for my worldly estate which it hath pleased God to bless me with my lawful debts being paid I give and bequeath as followeth:

IMPRIMIS: I give and bequeath to my well beloved wife Sarah Outten a third part of my now dwelling plantation where I now live during her widowhood also a third part of the Orchard pasture or any other benefits thereof belonging likewise a third part of my personal estate my lawful debts being paid.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my son John Outten to him and his heirs for ever my now dwelling plantation whereon I now live with Orchard pastures, marshes, and land whereunto belonging except from certain parcels of land and marshes liberty which shall give and bequeath in this following testament. Also one sand horse called John's Horse with bridle, saddle, pistols and holsters with such like furniture likewise one featherbed and furniture.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my son Purnell Outten to him and his heirs forever the fifty acres of land which my father had alienated from Old Philip Conner likewise all the land and marsh lying on the north side of a small branch or valley lying in the north side of a certain old field known by the name of Indian Field thence running westward to William Conner's likewise liberty in the planting island pastures for horses and cattle in winter or in summer at any time when he shall think fitt.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to John Conner to him and his heirs forever that parcell of land and marsh which I sold him lying between his cornfield and a small gutt running through a glade or marsh containing 20 acres or thereabout it being a part of a tract of land which I brought of Philip Conner called Merchet's Treasure.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Sturgis, one shilling current money of the province aforesaid.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my daughter Director Outten one sorrel horse commonly called her Horse and one side saddle and bridle to be bought for her and paid for out of my estate

ITEM: The remainder part of my estate my lawful debts and legacies being paid and funeral charges discharged I give lease to be equally divided between and among my children as follows: That is to

say, Director Outten, Purnell Outten, Abraham Outten, Obed Outten, Tabitha Outten and Edith Outten to them and their heirs.

ITEM: In case it should be the pleasure of Almighty God to take my son John Outten of the stage of this life and having not issue lawfully begotten and born in wedlock I give and bequeath the above land give to my son John to my son Abraham Outten to his heirs forever. Likewise y son Purnell Outten should die not having issue lawfully begotten and born in wedlock I give and bequeath the above land given to my son Purnell to my son Obed Outten, and to his heirs forever.

ITEM: I do hereby nominate and appoint and ordain my well beloved wife Sarah Outten to be my whole and sole executrix of this my last will and testament and to hereby utterly disallow revoke and disannul all other wills or testaments before made by me satisfying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament as witness my hands and seal this 29th day of August in the year of our lord i1733.

Signed sealed and pronounced and declared by these:

JOHN OUTTEN

Somerset County Will Book EB #9, 184-185.

On March 2, 1735 a codicil was added to the will giving to son Purnell a part of the land that he had previously willed to John: That parcel of land and small Islands lying between a certain old field known by the name of Indian Field and the north end of a small island known by the name of Round Island. Also to my son Abraham Outten my Negro woman after the death of my wife, and in case my son Abraham die without lawful issue I give my Negro woman to my son Purnell Outten.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my son Obed Outten my Negro boy Tom after the death of my wife and in case Obed die to my son John Outten.

March 2, 1735 then came Sarah Outten widow of John Outten and made her election to within will and desired that both real and personal estate should be transferred to her.

RICHARD HILL
-1736

In the name of God Amen, the 17th day of December in the year of our lord 1736 I Richard Hill of Somerest County and in the province of Maryland being of extreme mercy but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given therefore and calling into mind the uncertainty of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament in form and manner following:

and taking into consideration that sometime past sold and an agreement did make with ye worshipful Capt. Charles Rackliffe for three tracts of land and reserved part payment for the same and having not opportunity to make further confirmation I bequeath the same as followeth:

IMPRIMIS: I give and bequeath unto the aforesaid Charles Rackliffe ye three tracts of land and marsh containing by estimation eight hundred seventy one acres six hundred of the same called or known by the name of Addition and also one hundred forty and six acres and known by the name of Conclusion according to the meats and bounds and expressed in the bequest of grant all the aforesaid land being in Sommerset County in Maryland and on the seaside in a neck called Hills Neck where now John Williams doth dwell and on the south side of Wallops Neck where now Mrs. Catherine Purnell doth dwell and all the aforesaid land and such to be possessed and enjoyed by him the said Charles Rackliffe and his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM: I also give and bequeath unto ye aforesaid Capt. Charles Ratcliffe and I doe request to be my hole and sole executor of this my last will and testament. . .by me formerly made and do declare this and no other to be my last will and testament and in witnessing hereof I do set my hand and seal the day and year above.

Signed sealed and published by the said Richard Hill as his last will and testament in the presence of us

Hugh Stevenson

Richard Holland

Solomon Crapper

William W Hook

RICHARD HILL

March ye 16th, 1736/37 came Hugh Stevenson and William Hook two of the subscribing evidences to ye within will and made oaths on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God that they saw the testator Richard Hill sign. ..

ROBERT WILSON

- 1736

----to God and calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that a time is appointed for all once to die, do make, constitute and ordain this present writing to be my last will and testament in manner following: that is to pay first and principally and all. I give and bequeath my soul into the hands of God which gave it and for my body I recommend it to the earth there to have a decent Christian like buryall at the discretion of my executors nothing doubting that at the general resurrection I shall receive the form again by the grace of God and as standing such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to grant with in this life. I give, devise and dispose of the same in manner and form following:

IMPRIMUS: I do leave and bequeath unto SARAH my wife the full third part of all my estate personal with my now dwelling house and one of my orchards at her choice for the remainder of her natural life.

ITEM: I leave and bestow ten pounds to be levied out of my estate unto the elders of the PRESBITEREAN PROFESSION OF MANOKEIN CONGREGATION for the use of our ministers of the said congregation.

ITEM: I leave and bequeath unto my brother GEORGE WILSON and his wife the plantation and all that tract of land whereon they now live containing one hundred and fifty acres called Conclusion with all and singular the appurtenances belonging for and during their natural lives and after their decease I give and bequeath the above mentioned plantation and land called Conclusion with all the appurtenances and land belonging unto WILLIAM SCOTT son in law to my above named brother GEORGE to him the said SCOTT or his wife or his heirs or assigns for ever provided and on Condition that he the said Scott or his wife or heirs and assigns whom I suppose now to be in Ireland shall come and reside on the said plantation for seven years from the sale hereof and on their failure thereof I do then give and bequeath the above mentioned plantation and land called Conclusion containing about one hundred and fifty acres as abovesaid unto George Wilson grandson to my forenamed brother and son _____ Wilson as I suppose now to be in the colony of Virginia to him and to his heirs and assigns.

ITEM: I do give and bequeath unto the last above named GEORGE WILSON son of ANDREW WILSON among other lands that I am possessed with all and singular the appurtenances belonging to him the said George Wilson, his heirs and assigns for ever.

ITEM: My will and desire _____ my brandy still may remain where it is for the use of the plantation.

ITEM: My _____ I do leave full power and priviledge to my brother GEORGE WILSON of two horses and _____ harrow to make use of and all other necessities he may stand in need of out of my _____ + _____ shall think convenient and competent for his sustenance during his life and no others made use of them aforesaid.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto the within named GEORGE WILSON son of ANDREW WILSON

all within named all remainder and _____ whole estate goods and chattels whatsoever belonging or pertaining to his heirs and assigns for ever and for him to possess and enjoy the same both personal and -----he shall _____ accomplish the age of eighteen and I do appoint and empower my _____ George Wilson during his life to take care unto my whole estate for his uses _____ his grandson George Wilson aforesaid his brother and if he my said brother shall depart this life before his said grandson comes to the age of eighteen I do appoint my friend WILLIAM GRAY to succeed him in taking due care on behalf of the said George Wilson senior of his estate and interest. I do appoint, constitute and ordain my loving wife and my brother George Wilson the whole and sole executors of this my last will and testament revoking.

Robert Willson R

Benjamin Cottman David Polk

Pallel Hofes M Alexander

_____ 1736--came David Polk and Steven (?) Pollet and Alexander, etc.

(Somerset County EB #9, folios 191-192)

THOMAS POINTER

- 1741

In the name of God Amen, I, Thomas Pointer of the County of Somerset and Province of Maryland being sick and weak of body, but of sound and perfect memory thanks be to Almighty God for the same but calling to mind the shortness and uncertainty of this life here on earth and being desirous to settle my affairs here on earth doe constitute make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following: First I commend my soul to Almighty God my creator in full assurance through the alone meritts of Christ Jesus my redeemer to obtain full pardon and remissions of all my sins and my body to the earth from whence it was taken decently to be buried at the discretion of my Executor hereafter named and in sure hope of a joyfull Resurrection at the day of judgement, and as touching such worldly estate as the (Lord) in his mercy hath lent me I give bequeath and bestow ye same in manner and form following viz. IMPRIMUS: I give and bequeath unto my loving son RATCLIFFE POINTER my plantation whereon I now live and all this land that lyeth on the east side of ye seaside and joining ELIAS POINTER called and known by the name of Highfield together with all houses, orchard, fencings and appurtenances thereunto belonging only excepting pasturages for some creatures till my son Turvill shall claim some for himself. I give and bequeath the same to my said son Ratcliffe to him his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my loving son TURVILLE POINTER all the remainder of my land called Highfield lying on ye westside of ye seaside road and on ye east side of ye County road and to my brother Elias Pointer line and ye road that leads from ye County Road to ye seaside with all fencing and appurtenances thereunto belonging to him his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my son Ratcliffe Pointer my negro man called Jonas and one desk.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my son Turvill Pointer my cubard and one negro woman called Judey to him, his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my daughter ANN SMITH my negro woman called Peggy to her, her heirs, and assigns forever and one cow and calfe and one two year old heiffer.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my daughter MARY POINTER one young bay mare two cows and calves and one feather bed and furniture ye I now ly on and one chest to her heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM: It is my will that after my just debts are paid that the whole remainder of my estate to be equally divided between my four children Ratcliff, Turville, Mary, and my daughter Ann Smith. Lastly, I do appoint my son Ratcliffe Pointer whole and sole executor of this my last will and testament and I do hereby revoke make void and disannul all wills by me formerly made and publicly pronounce and declare this to be my last will. In presents of the witnesses who I do desire to be evidences to the same and I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 28th day of September Anno Domini One Thousand Seven hundred and forty-one. Thomas P Pointer (his mark)

Signed, sealed published and declared in the presents of George Truitt Parker Selby

The words "in the bequestment of Ratcliffe of the seaside" were interlined before sealing and publishing. Edward Round

(Worcester County Will Book, MH #3, folio 374)

SELBY CLAYWELL
-1744

In the name of God Amen, I Selby Claywell of Worcester County, ship carpenter being at present sick body but sound of memory and understanding and concerning my estate after my death hath made this my last will and testament as followeth:

IMPRIMIS: I recommend my soul unto the hands of God my Creator and Redeemer and my Body to the earth to be decently interred at the discretion of my executor hereafter named.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Claywell one Negro woman Sarah and one Negro girl named Sue and all the rest of my estate.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my brothers son Peter Claywell in case my daughter Mary should die without heirs of her own body one Negro woman named Sarah to him and his heirs.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my sisters daughter in case my Mary should die without heirs of her own body one Negro girl named Jane and her heirs

Lastly, I appoint the above mentioned peter Claywell executor hereby revoking all other wills heretofore made and confirm this to be my last will and testament with my had and seal this fourth day of December anno dom. Seventeen hundred and forty four.

Selby [his mark] Claywell seal

published and duly executed by Selby Claywell as his last will and testament in the presence of us
Joshua Mitchell

John Porter

Jemima [her mark] Wheeler

on the back of the foregoing will was thus written. November ye 22, 1744 came Joshua Mitchell John Porter and Jemima Wheeler the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will and being solemnly sworn upon holy evangelis of Almighty God depose and say that they saw the testator Selby Claywell sign the foregoing will and that they heard him publish and declare..... Benton Harris. Deputy comm. Of Worcester County. [Note: this will was omitted being recorded in Liber DD no.2, 459.

WILLIAM ENNIS

- 1746

In the name of God, Amen, I William Ennis, Senior, of Worcester County being sick in body but of sound and perfect memory thanks be to God and considering the shortness and uncertainty of life here on earth and desirous to settle my affairs here: make my last will and testament

FIRST: I do commit my soul unto Almighty God my Creator in hopes through this alone merits of my Savior Christ Jesus to obtain full pardon and remission of all my sins and my body to the Earth from whence it was taken, to be decently buried at the discession of my executrix and executor hereafter named;

IMPRIMIS: I give and bequeath unto my son WILLIAM ENNIS three hundred acres of land, it being the one half of a tract of land called Cannardee and five aces of land that I bought of Nathaniel Enniss being part of a tract of land Canarnee to him and his heirs and assigns forever; but in case my aforesaid son should die without issue then it is my will and desire that the above mentioned lands should fall to my son Nathaniel Ennis, his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my son JOHN ENNIS one tract of land called ENNISES ADDITION containing hundred acres and one hundred acres of land that I bought of my brother Charles Ennis it being part of a tract of land called Cannarnee to him his heirs and assigns forever, but in case my son John aforesaid should died without issue them it is my will, and desire that the abovementioned lands to my son John to fall to my son NATHANIEL ENNIS and heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my son Nathaniel Enniss two hundred acres of land lying near Saint Martins River it being part of a tract of land called Killkenny to him and his assigns forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my will son Nathaniel Ennis all the land that I bought of William Robertson lying in Snow Hill Town to him his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM: It is my will and desire that my wife should have the use of the one halfe of the cleared land and improvement the timber and to repair the same on the tract of land whereon I now dwell with pasturage equivalent to the same unto death or marriage.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my son WILLIAM ENNIS a pair of Hand Mill Stones.

ITEM: I bequeath unto my son John Ennis one cow and calfe.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my son NATHANIEL ENNIS one Negro girl called Sara, to be delivered to him at his mother's death or marriage and one cow and calfe.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my daughter MARY BRITTINGHAM the best of my large chests to be delivered to her at her mother's death.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my daughter REBECCA ENNISS one cow and yearling and the best

four square black walnut table and feather bed and furniture.

ITEM: It is my will and desire that my son Nathaniel Ennis and my daughter Rebecca Ennis shall have liberty in my son Johns Neck or pasturages for eight head of cattle a piece until the day of their marriage.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my loving wife the one third part of all personal estate not already given after my just debts paid and the remaining part to be equally divided among my five children aforementioned.

LASTLY, I do appoint my loving wife REBECCA ENNIS and my son William Ennis executor and executrix of my will revoking all other will or wills by me made. Signed this twentieth day of April, 1746.

In the presence of John Fassitt, Hannah H (her Mark) Davis, and Thomas Robins
William Ennis (SEAL)

Worcester County August 5, 1746. Then came Thomas Robins, John Fassit and Hannah Davis and swore oath that they saw William Ennis sign his will and that he was of sound, disposing mind. Sworn before me: Benton Harris, depty. commry. of Worcester Co.

(Worcester Will Book JW #2, folio 34-5)

PETER JOHNSON

- 1747

To all persons whom this present wrighting may concern that on the third day of March 1747 I Peter Johnson of Worcester County in the province of Maryland being sickly and weak of body but of perfect mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament.

IMPRIMUS: I give and recommend my soul to God who gave it and my body to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my exctrs. and my worldly estate I give and dispose in manner and form following:

ITEM: I give to my son PETER JOHNSON that part of my land on which my son John formerly lived beginning at a marked white oak standing in a swamp and from thence running by a line of marked trees between the south and the east to a marked red oak standing in the head of a gully and thence down to branch called Fassatt Branch and up the said branch to a marked gum standing in the head of the said branch from thence north east to Watts line and up the said line to the head of my land called PURGATORY and running with the headline to the said white oak first above written which land I give to my said son Peter, his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my son ARTHUR JOHNSON that part of land whereon my son LEONARD formerly lived bounded as followeth--beginning at a marked white oak the first boundary of my son Peter's land and running that first mentioned course between the south and the east unto a red oak which is the second boundary of Peters land standing in the before mentioned gulley and down the said gulley to the above mentioned Fassatt Branch and with the run of ye said branch to Captain Parramore's line and up the said Parramore's line as far as Purgatory extends so along the headline of ye aforesaid Purgatory to the before mentioned white oak ye first boundary of Peters land. I likewise give to my son Arthur Johnson out of the before mentioned tract of land called Purgatory begining in Fassatt Branch at Capt. Parramore's line and running up the said branch to a marked gum and from thence running north east until it intersects Watts line and down the said line seventy poles and from thence with a direct line to a marked live oak standing in the head of a gulley on the northside of the road and down the water course of the said gulley that dranes to the marsh untill it intersects Capt. Parramore's line and along ye said Parramore's line to the before mentioned Fassatt Branch all the two above mentioned parcels of land and as they are here bounded. I do give to my son Arthur and his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM: It is my will that all my personal estate be equally distributed among my eight children viz. JOHN, PETER, ARTHUR, TABITHA, ANN, JOYCE, CHARITY, and SARAH which I give to them and their heirs forever. I likewise constitute and make and ordain my sons JOHN, PETER and ARTHUR JOHNSON to be my executors of this my last will and testament ratifying and confirming this to be my will and no other heretofore made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

PETER JOHNSON

Signed, sealed and published, pronounced and declared by the said Peter Johnson as his last will and testament in the presents of us the subscribers: Stephen Hall, Samuel Hopkins, Ezekiel Wise.

August 3, 1748. Came before ye subscriber Stephen Hall, Samuel Hopkins and Ezekiel Wise the subscribing witnesses to the within will . . . and made oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they saw the Testator CHARLES TOWNSEND [sic] sign, seal and heard him publish, pronounce and declare the within written to be his last will and testament and that at the time of his so doing he was to be best of their apprehensions of a sound disposing mind and memory and that they subscribed their names to the said will as witnesses in the presence and at the request of the testator.

Sworn before Benton Harris, Dept. Comry. of Worc. Co.

(Worcester County Wills, JW #2, folio 48)

MICHAEL TARR

- 1751

April the 6th day 1751. I, MICHAEL TARR being very sick and not like to recover desire this should be my last will and testament. I commit my body to the ground ready to be buried . . . also my debts justly and honestly to be paid.

To my son MICHAEL TARR I give and bequeath the two hundred acres of land he now lives on to him and his heirs lawfully begotten of his body as assigns beginning at a marked gum and no more.

To my sons ELY TARR and SAMUEL TARR I give and bequeath the two tracts of land where I now live, one of them called Tender Dail, the name of the other, Chance, containing two hundred and thirty-five acres in them both with houses and orchards equally to be divided between them both and all other improvements belonging to it to them and their heirs lawfully begotten of their bodies or to their assigns and if any one of each of these two Ely Tarr or Samuel Tarr shall die without heirs all his rights and titles shall fall to the other.

And I desire that my wife SARA should have quit possession during her lifetime where she now lives, furthermore I leave some legacies to my son Samuel: I leave a young yearling mare and to my son Ely Tarr I leave a new desk at Stephen Handyes or the money in the rume (?) of it and furthermore to my son Samuel Tarr I leave my old desk and my new bed and furniture belonging to it.

MICHAEL [D] TARR
his mark

John Sturgis
Adam Scott
William Harrison

May ye 10 1751. Came John Sturgis, Adam Scott and William Harrison the subscribing witnesses to the above or foregoing will and made oath on the Holy Avengalis of Almighty God that they saw the testator Michael Tarr sign and heard him publish, pronounce and declare the above writing to be his last will and testament and that at the time of his signing he was to the best of their apprehensions of a sound, disposing mind and memory and that they subscribed their names as witnesses to the said will witnessed in the presence and at the request of the Testator.

Sworn before Benton Harris, Deputy. Comm.

May 17, 1781 came Sarah Tarr, widow and relict of Michael Tarr, and quitted claim to the devises or bequests to her in any way made by the deed in the within will and elected to have the third part of the deceased's estate as allowed by law. Before Benton Harris, Deputy. Commry.

(Worcester County Will Book JW #2, folios 88-89)

PETER JOHNSON

- 1752

In the name of God, Amen, I Peter Johnson being sick and weak of body but of sound and perfect mind and memory praise be therefore given to Almighty God for the same do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say--

IMPRIMUS: My will and desire is that all my lawfull debts shall be paid and all my funerall charges and as for the rest of my estate remaining I give and bequeath as followeth, Viz.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto JOHN JOHNSON the son of JOHN JOHNSON my dwelling plantation whereon I now live with all houses, orchards and all other appurtenances thereunto belonging with all the land given to me by my father PETER JOHNSON and likewise I give unto the said John Johnson the son of John Johnson aforesaid a liberty to cut any such timber of any sort that shall be necessary for the aforesaid plantations use off of a tract of land called Come By Chance containing fifty acres to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my brother ARTHUR JOHNSON all that part or parcel of land surveyed for me called Come By Chance containing fifty acres excepting the liberty of cutting timber for the plantations use as I have given to my cousin JOHN JOHNSON the son of JOHN JOHNSON as aforesaid. To him the said Arthur Johnson, him, his heirs and assigns forever, I likewise give unto my brother ARTHUR JOHNSON my broad ax, carpenters adze and drawing knife to him, his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my sister CHARITY two dishes, three plates, one bason and half a dozen of puter spoons and one iron skillet.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto JOYS CAREY one feather bed and bed stead with one rugg, one sheet and one bolster.

ITEM: the remainder of my estate after my debts are paid and my funerall charges I give and bequeath unto my brother JOHN JOHNSON. I do likewise appoint my brother JOHN JOHNSON to be executor of this my last will and testament as witness my hand and seal this thirtieth day of April 1752.

PETER JOHNSON

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of Parker Selby, Joseph Merrill, William Bennett X.

August 5, 1752. Came Joseph Merrill and William Bennett two of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will and made oath on the holy Avengalis of Almighty God that they saw the Testator Peter Johnson sign, seal and heard him publish the same to be his last will and testament and that at the time of his so doing he was to be best of their apprehension of a sound disposing mind and memory and that they subscribed their names as witnesses to said will.

(Worcester Wills, JW #2, folio 107)

MICHAEL ROBINSON

- 1753

In the name of God, Amen, ye 27th day of October 1753 I Michael Robinson being sick and weak of body. . . make this my last will

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my son WILLIAM ROBINSON ye plantation that he now lives on with one hundred and thirty acres of the land and marsh that I had of my brother JOSHUA ROBINSON, to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my son MICHAEL ROBINSON ye plantation that both he and I now live on with all the land that I hold on the west side of my Mill Branch and 25 acres of land on ye east side of ye mill dam and joyning to ye same and my water mill to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my daughter PARTHENAY TINGLE all the land that I hold up to the Mill Branch whereon she now lives it being part of a tract called Robinson's Purchase and lieth on the north and east side of the branch and one two year old heiffer to her, her heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my daughter RACHEL ROBINSON fifty acres of land and marsh it being part of a tract of land called FAIR HAVEN to her, her heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my two sons WILLIAM and MICHAEL fifty acres a peace of the aforementioned land and marsh called Fair Heaven to them, their heirs and assigns forever. My will further is that ye remainder of my estate should be equally divided among my four children WILLIAM, MICHAEL, RACHEL and PATHENAY. I also make and ordain my beloved wife JOYCE and my son WILLIAM my soal executors of this my last will and testament. I do hereby utterly make void and disannull all other wills In witness of this I have set my hand and seal.

Signed and sealed before:

Michael Godwin

William Richards

William Tingle

MICHAEL M (his mark) ROBINSON

March 7, 1754 came Michael Godwin and William Richards to swear the validity of the will.

(Worcester Will Book, JW #2, folio 129)

THOMAS ROBINSON

-1753

In the name of God Amen, the twelfth day of September 1753, I Thomas Robinson of Worcester Countyetc. etc.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my well beloved son Thomas Robinson all my right of ye land and plantation that I now live on provided that he do make over to him my three youngest children: MOLLEY, CORNELIUS AND JOHN TAUGHT to read ye BIBEL well and to pay my son John 20 lbs. at ye age of Eighteen years if he lives to that age and my son Thomas refuses or rejects to perform this my will. Then my desire is that my son John should have the half of the aforementioned land but on the trew performance of what is above said ye land to be my son THOMAS his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my well-beloved son CORNELIUS one hundred and six acres of land which lieth over the beaver dam to him his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my well beloved son William Robinson one Negro boy called Moses to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my daughter Mollie one Negro girl called Esther and one feather bed and furniture to her her heirs and assigns forever. Wench and child both called _____ her heirs and assigns forever.

My will further is that ye residue of my estate should be equally divided amongst all my children Joseph Comfort Peter Thomas William Mollie Cornelius and John. I also make constitute and Ordain my son Thomas my sole executors of this my last will and testament. My will is also that my son Thomas should have ye estates of my three youngest children and ye care of them also while they came of age that is to say girls to be sixteen and the boys to eighteen years of age This is my last will and testament.

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Witnesses

Michael Robinson

Leonard Johnson

Ruth Johnson

THOMAS ROBINSON (SEAL)

March 7, 1754 came Michael and Leonard Johnson to attest to will.

Worcester County Wills JW #2, 132-133.

MARY ENNIS, WIDOW OF CORNELIUS ENNIS

- 1755

In the name of God, Amen. I Mary Innis taking into my serious consideration ye uncertainty of this transitory life and certainty of death do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following: viz. IMPRIMIS: I commit my soul unto the hands of the almighty God my Creator hoping through the alone merits of Jesus Christ my Redeemer to obtain full pardon and remissions of all my sins and my body to the earth from whence it was taken decently to be buried at the directions of my Executors hereafter named

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto loving son CORNELIUS INNIS one white back cow and her calph and my largest Iron Pott and one puter Dish and one Plate unto him and his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my loving son SAMUEL INNIS my large Walnut Table, a Bed with Broad striped Tick, a red Stone Jugg and a Sca___ Bottle, with Sheets and Blankets for ye bed. I give the same unto him and his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto loving son JOHN INNIS my young black mare, one Bed and Blankets unto him and his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my daughter NANNY OUTTEN one Bed and Sheets of a purple and white Country make Tick and the case of bottles, one Stone Jugg with two handles, also half of my wearing apparel excepting my striped Holland Gown which I give unto my Grand Daughter PERCE COLLINS, the same to her and her heirs forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my daughter BETTY COLLINS one Bed with Striped Blue and White country make Tickin with two Sheets and a pine Chest and a dish and Iron Kittle unto her and her heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath all the remaining part of my Estate unto my SON CORNELIUS, SAMUELL, JOHN and ANN OUTTEN my daughter and BETTY COLLINS to be jointly divided among them all excepting one large dish I give (not bequeathed) already unto my daughter ANN OUTTEN. I except also the half of my wearing apparel which I give unto my daughter BETTY COLLINS which is not before bequeathed and then all the remainder of my personal estate to be equally and jointly divided among all my own Children before mentioned and this is my last will that my Son Samuel Innis be my whole Executor of this my last will and testament revoking all my former wills and deeds as witness my hand and seal this 29th day of May A.D. 1755.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the Presents of William Ennis, John Ennis, John Morris

Mary M Innis her mark

July 4, 1755. Came William Ennis and John Ennis two of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will and made oath on the holy Avengalis of Almighty God that they saw Mary Innis the Testator sign, seal and heard her publish, pronounce and declare the same to be her last will and Testament and that at the time of her so doing she was to the best of their apprehension of a sound, disposing mind and memory and that they subscribed their names as witnesses to the will in the presence of the Testator and at her request. Sworn before Benton Harris, Deputy Commry of Worcester County. (Worcester Will Book JW #2, folio 152)

JOSHUA ATKINSON

- 1756

In the Name of God Amen, the sixth day of February 1756 **Joshua Atkinson** of Worcester County, planter, in the province of Maryland being sick of body but of sound and perfect memory thanks to Almighty God and calling to remembrance the uncertain estate of his transitory life and that all flesh must yield unto Death when it shall please God to call them do make constitute ordain and declare this my last will and testament in name and form following revoking and annulling to these presents all and every Testament and testaments will and wills heretofore by me made and declared thereby word or writing and this only to be taken for my last will and testament and none other.

First I will that all those debts I owe to every manner of person or persons whatsoever shall be well and truly paid or ordained to be paid within convenient time after my decease by my executor hereafter named and as for my worldly estate I give and dispose of the same in manner and form following; vizt;

Item: my will is that my wife have the use of all that part of my plantation lying and being next to Nasseungo Creek during such time as she continues a widdow and such part of time till my son Benjamin Atkinson arrive to the age of twenty years and if she still is continued a widdow the profit arising from my said part of my plantation be equally divided between my said wife and my said son Benjamin the said part of my plantation to be bounded as followeth beginning at the line of my Brother **Samuel Atkinson** ten yards west of the fence now bounding between my son **James Atkinson** and found and as far as the said fence goes to keep the same course till the end thereof northerly and then along the line of the said land as William Nelson dwelled.

Item: I give to my son **James Atkinson** all that land westward of the aforementioned to him and his heirs forever but not to sell any part of that land to any person unless to his brother Benjamin. Also I give to my son James Atkinson one Negro fellow named Prince, to him and his heirs forever and no more.

Item: I give all the rest of my land eastward of the aforesaid line between me and my son James to my son Benjamin to him and his heirs forever but my son Benjamin not to sell any part of the said land and tenements to any person but to his brother James but in case my son Benjamin dies without heirs the said land to fall to my son **Angelo Atkinson**.

Item: I give to my well beloved wife Elizabeth Atkinson one Negro fellow named Cuge and one fellow named Frank and one Negro wench named Bess. I also give the use of a Negro fellow named Nestor to my said wife during her widowhood and the said fellow after her widowhood I give to my son Benjamin.

Item: I give the use of a Negro wench named Pleasant with her increase to my wife during her widowhood provided always that my son **Joshua Atkinson** never return, but if my son Joshua should return the said wench named Pleasant and her increase from this day I give to my said son Joshua Atkinson and if my said son Joshua never return the said Pleasant to fall to my son **William**

Atkinson and her increase as aforementioned. My will is that what money I have in the house and with what corn and pork is to dispose of and the money William Bartholomew Townsend owes me to be applied to the use of buying two Negro fellows and my wife to have the use of the said fellows during her widowhood and if my wife should remarry, I give one of the said fellows to my son Benjamin and the other to my son Angelo. My will is that my wife have all the horsekind called mine on the plantation only she finding a young horse bridle and saddle to each of my children who is not any (?) I provided of the same.

Item: My will is that my beloved wife shall also find each of my sons a gun who is not has got none. My will is that my wife shall have all the small debts that is in anyways due to me. My will is that my wife have all my hogs to be applied to the use of the family as was formerly usual (?). I give also to my beloved wife one yoke of steers which is at my son James Atkinsons the next best yoke of steer that is on my plantation I also leave the use of all my ploughs and harrows axes and hoes belonging to me to my beloved wife during her widowhood and then to my son Benjamin.

Item: I give to my son **Isaac Atkinson** one Negro wench named Moreah and her son named Shadrack.

Item: I give my son **William Atkinson** one Negro wench named Pegg I also leave between my son Isaac and my son William Mr. Nathaniel Whiteker's bond and the bond which I gave to Colonel Robert King and Elisha Mills bond and the judgment I have against Ferret Weyley and what they can make to be equally divided betwixt them.

Item: I give to my son Benjamin Atkinson one Negro girl named Leah and also give to my son Benjamin my still and what belong to her only my will is that if any of her brothers or sisters shall have occasion of the use of the use of her when she is idle that they may have the use of her without cost I also give to my son Benjamin my luck _____.

Item: I give to my son Angeloe Atkinson one negroe wench named Doll and one negroe gal named Jude and one Negro boy named Jacob and the place that Benjamin Butler lives on or the money that is due for the same but in case my son Angeloe dies without heires my will is that that place of Benjamin Butler if I should not be paid for should fall to my son Isaac.

Item: I give to my daughter Nancy one Negro wench named Aimey and one negroe girl named Rhoda and the Desk called mine.

Item: I give to my daughter Lizzy one Negro girl named Hanna and one Negro girl named Flora and one Desk to be bought her. My will further is that none of my said children make sale of any of the said Negroes heretofore mentioned and given to them by me except it be to each other. My will is that my wife have her thirds of the household goods and cattle and sheep.

Item: my will is that all of the remainder of my household goods and cattle and sheep abroad and at home be equally divided among my children after named viz: Joshua, Isaac, William, Benjamin, Angeloe, Nancy (Nanny) and Lizzy. I also nominate and appoint my well beloved wife **Elizabeth Atkinson** and Isaac my son my sole executor and executrix of this my last will and testament in

testimony of which I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this day and year first above mentioned.

JOSHUA A ATKINSON

Seal

in presence of
Milby Atkinson
Stringer Tilney
James Murray

On the back of the foregoing will was thus written; viz. August the 4th 1756 came Milby Atkinson Stringer Tilney and James Murray the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will and made oath on the holy evangels of Almighty God that they saw the testator Joshua Atkinson sign seal and heard him publish pronounce and declare the same to be his last will and testament viz. that at the time of his so doing he was to be best of their apprehensions of a sound and disposing mind and memory and that they subscribed their names as witnesses to the foregoing will in the presence of the testator and at his request. Sworn before Benton Harris, deputy commissary for Worc. County. August 4, 1756 came Elizabeth Atkinson widow and relict of the above Joshua Atkinson dec'd and laid claim to the right of dower or thirds and elected in lieu thereof to stand to the several bequests and devices to her made in the foregoing will. Before Benton Harris Deputy Commissary of Worc. County.

Worcester County Wills JW #2, 131-133.

WILLIAM BISHOP SENIOR

-1756

In the name of God Amen, the twenty seventh day of April anno domini one thousand seven hundred and fifty six, I William Bishop Senior of Worcester County in the province of Maryland being very weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God therefore calling to mind the mortality of my Body do make and ordain this my last will and testament that is to say, I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that give it and my body I recommend to be buried in decent manner and touching such worldly estate where with it hath pleased God to bless in this life. I give and dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my son William Bishop two hundred acres of land being part of a tract of land called Bastin Stroake with all the privileges and improvements thereunto belonging to him his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my sons Benjamin Bishop my plantation whereon I now live and all the land that [?] In the tract called Simpleton and one hundred acres of being situate _____ land called Patrick Hills to him his heirs and assigns to Betty Deverix the daughter of John Deverix one [?] to her her heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my son William Bishop one Negroe boy called Ned and one gun called the Trumpet and a Musket gun to him his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my son Benjamin Bishop one Negro woman called Tochawaugh and one gune called Black Bess and one walnut bed and furniture and one handmill and one coult to him his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to Esther Deverix, daughter of John Deverix one featherbed and furniture to her her heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath a bed and furniture to her her heirs and assigns forever. I give and bequeath to Joseph Bishop one Negro called George and one Negro man called [?] and three hundred bushells of corn and gun and one desk and one [?] feather bed and furniture and two old [?] a mare bridle and saddle my wearing coat and [?] to him his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM: It is my will that all the [?] divided among my four children vizt. Mary Deverix Benjamin Bishop, William Bishop Jr., Bishop, and Joseph Bishop except the [?] that I shall hereafter give my son Joseph.

ITEM: I give to my son Joseph Bishop a debt unto William Richardson.....[illegible].
property Madam Selby's Hands,

William Bishop [his mark]

18th February 1757 came the subscribing witnesses: William Nelson, Stringer Tilney, Joshua Evans
Maryland Prerogative Court Wills, 30, 259.

LEONARD JOHNSON

- 1758

In the name of God, Amen. The tenth day of January one thousand seven hundred fifty eight Leonard Johnson being sick and weak of body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given to Almighty God and calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die make and ordain this my last will and testament that is to say first and before all things I recommend my soul to Almighty God that give it hoping to receive the same at ye general Resurrection by the mighty power of God and as for my worldly goods wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I do give, devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my son PETER JOHNSON the house and plantation whereon I now live with all of land and marsh belonging to ye same which lieth between ye river and a path which goeth from Thomas Robinsons to Baltimore Town to him, his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my son LEONARD JOHNSON all the remainder part of my lands which lieth to the southward of the aforesaid path with the plantation whereon he now liveth to him, his heirs and assigns forever but if my son Leonard should die without lawfully begotten heirs of his body that this his land should be my son MAGER's, his heirs and assigns forever. My will further is that if my son Leonard should dye before his now wife without heirs as aforesaid that his now wife should have ye use of the land and plantation during her widowhood without being interrupted by my son Mager.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my son JOBE my best coat and vest. I also give to my son WILLIAM my best hat and leather britches. My will also is that after my debts are paid all and remainder of my estate should be equally divided between all my children. I also make and ordain my son PETER sole executor of this my last will and testament.

LEONARD J. JOHNSON Seal

Read, published and declared to be ye last will of ye testator in the presence of: Charles Mooney, Esther Tull, Michael Godwin.

January 6, 1758 came Charles Moony and Michael Godwin two of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will and made oath on the Holy Avengalist of Almighty God that they saw Leonard Johnson the testator sign, seal and heard him publish, pronounce and declare the same to be his last will and testament and that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehension of a sound, disposing mind and memory and that they subscribed their names as witnesses to the said will in the presence of the testator and at his request and also that they saw Esther Tull the other subscribing witness sign her name to the will as an evidence in the presence of the Testator and at his request. Sworn before Benton Harris Deputy Comrs. of Worcester Co.

(Worcester Wills, JW #2, folios 189-190)

SHADRACK CLAYWELL
-1760

In the name of God Amen I Shadrack Claywell of Worcester County in the province of Maryland Seaman being at present in perfect health of body and of sound understanding thanks be to Almighty God; to prevent any disputes that may arise about my worldly estate after my death hath made this my last will and testament as followeth:

Imprimis: I recommend my soul to God the Creator and redeemer and my body to rest in the earth or sea til the General Resurrection.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Claywell 50 pounds of Virginia money and one Negro man called Ben if alive at the time both to be paid at the age of eighteen or day of marriage if sooner by my will and pleasure is that Joakim White enjoy ye labors of the above Negro Ben til that time the above promises to her and her heirs forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my sister Elizabeth's children the remainder of my estate to be equally divided among them.

Lastly, I appoint Joakim White executor of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all wills heretofore made and ratifying and confirming this to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and fixed my seal this 28th day of September 1749.

Shadrack Claywell (seal)

Signed sealed and delivered

In the presence of us Joseph Mitchell Solomon Claywell, Joyce Mitchell

November 7, 1760 came Joshua Mitchell and Solomon Claywell two of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will and made oath on the holy Evangelis of Almighty God that they saw the testator Shadrack Claywell sign seal and herd him publish and pronounce and declare the same to be his last will and testament and that at the time of so doing he was to be best of their apprehension of a sound and disposing mind and memory and that they subscribed their names as witnesses in the presence of ye testator and at his request. Sworn before Benton Harris, deputy Comm. Worc. Co.

I hereby assign all my right and title of and in the administration of the estate of Shadrack Claywell do unto Argol Kellum and hereby release my right of the said administration. Witness my hand this third day of November 1760.

Mary Claywell

Henry [his mark] Read

DENNIS HUDSON

-1760

Being sick and weak in body but of full perfect mind and memory, etc.

IMPRIMUS: I give and bequeath unto my three sons: Jebuish Hudson, Levin Hudson and Seth Hudson 450 acres of land 200 acres part of a tract called St. Lawrence Neck and 250 acres part of a tract of land called Deal lying on ye seaboard side to them and their heirs lawfully begotten of their bodys forever. Then I give and bequeath to my three sons Jeakish Hudson, Levin Hudson and Seth Hudson all my land that is my right and property lying at the extent of my land to Thomas Purnell's land and Isaac Marshall's land and joining John Marshall's land. I give and bequeath unto my son Denis Hudson 200 acres of land part of a tract called Edward's Lott to him and his heirs lawfully begotten of his body forever and my old buccaneer gun.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my son Jakuish Hudson my long gun to him and his heirs lawfully begotten.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my daughter Eleanor Hudson one desk called red desk and two cows and calves to her heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my son Truitt Hudson one ewe and one shilling sterling money of Great Britain to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

The remainder of my estate to be equally divided among my children here named. To wit: Jakuish Hudson, Dennis Hudson, Levin Hudson, Seth Hudson and Eleanor Hudson to them and their heirs and I do constitute and ordain my loving wife Sarah Hudson and my son Jakuish Hudson executors of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have here set my hand and affixed my seal. This 26th day of August 1760.

DENNIS H[his mark] HUDSON

Acknowledged in our presence:

Samuell Colings

Hugh Heather

James Porter

26 May 1761 came James Porter and Samuell Collings and declared this the last will and testament of Dennis Hudson.

Maryland Prerogative Court Wills, 31, 326-8.

GEORGE HUDSON

- 1760

In the name of God, Amen, George Hudson of Worcester County being very sick and weak of body but of perfect memory

ITEM: I give, will and bequeath unto my well beloved son DAVID HUDSON the plantation whereon I now live that is part of three tracts that is Winter Quarter, The Slip, and Powells Lott to him and his heirs and assigns forever and one cow and calf and that to be his share of all my estate both royal and personal and to lay no claim to other parts.

ITEM: I leave my true and loving wife LIDDY the property of all my land during her life or widdowhood and not to be disturbed or molested of any property and then to go as above mentioned.

ITEM: I give, will and bequeath all the remainder part of my movable estate to my six children: AMY ENNIS, SARY HUDSON, JOSEPH SCHOOLFIELD HUDSON, and LOTT HUDSON, MARY HUDSON, and MAGER HUDSON and to be equally divided between them.

ITEM: I leave my true and loving wife Liddy and my son David Hudson my whole and sole executor making void all other Wills and testaments I acknowledge this to be my last will and testament. I set me hand November 12, 1760.

GEORGE O (his mark) Hudson

Wit: Wm. Hudson, Absolam Hudson, David Hudson.

December 12, 1760 came William and David Hudson two of the subscribing witnesses who said they saw George Hudson publish his last will and that at the time of so doing he was of disposing and sound mind and memory. December 12, 1760 came Lidia Hudson widow and relict of the deceased and quits claims to the devise of land made and elects in law thereof to have her thirds of his estate real and personal as allowed by law. Benton Harris, Deputy Commrs. of Worcester Co.

(Worcester Wills MH #3, folios 29-30)

WILLIAM ENNIS

- 1762

In the name of God, Amen, I William Ennis of Worcester County etc. make this my will:

First: I do commit my soul unto God my Creator in hope through his lone merrits of my Redeemer Jesus Christ to obtain full pardon and remission of all my sins and my body to Earth from whence it was taken to be decently buried at the discession of my Executrix and executor hereinafter named and touching such worldly estate as the Lord has bestowed on me. I give and bequeath the same in manner and form following: on all the land that I hold in that tract called Cannarnee and five acres of land part of a tract of land called Cannarnee and the tract of land that I bought of Isaac Brittingham called Wild Goose containing thirty acres and a tract of land that Captain Thomas Robins took up for me containing twenty four acres called Friendship him, his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM: It is my will and desire that my brother-in-law LEONARD JOHNSON should have my son William Ennis under his command to take care of him and use him as he would his one son and give him schooling and to endeavor to bring him up in the fear of God.

ITEM: It is my will and desire that my brother LEONARD JOHNSON should have the management of all the afforesaid lands that I have given to my son WILLIAM ENNIS to see and take care that there is no use of timber made nor lett any be cleared by any person or persons whatsoever unless it be the use of my family and not to clear any land between the plantations.

ITEM: It is my will and desire that my brother for his so taking care and management for his one good and the good of my well-beloved wife and children should have the same until my son William arrives to the age of nineteen years and three months and then it is my will and desire that he should have quit and peaceable possession of all the aforesaid that was given to him excepting his mother's part after mentioned to her.

ITEM: It is my will and desire that my well-beloved WIFE should have the use of all my aforementioned lands and improvements thereon at the discession of her brother Leonard Johnson until death or marriage or the arrival of my son William to the age of nineteen years and three months and if at that time she has not married it is my will and desire she should have half the land and improvements as long as she remains a widow and no longer.

ITEM: It is my will and desire that if in case my son William Ennis should die without issue that the aforesaid lands and improvements should be equally divided between my two daughters SARAH and ZIPPORAH ENNIS at their mother's death or marriage.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my daughter SARAH ENNIS one three year old heifer and her increase and my desk at her mother's death or marriage.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my daughter ZIPPORAH ENNIS one three year old heifer and her increase and my press at her mother's marriage.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my well-beloved wife ELIZABETH ENNIS all my stock of cattle and

her hogs and sheep and household goods not already before given away and my part of the Pettiauger to make the b_____ to pay my just debts.

LASTLY, I do appoint my well-beloved wife Elizabeth Ennis and my brother-in-law Leonard Johnson Executrix and executor of this my last will and testament and hereby revoking all other wills made by me. In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal this 7th day of August, 1762.

Wit. Nathaniel N (his mark) Ennis Senior
Cornelius C (his mark) Ennis Senior
Rachel R (her mark) Ennis

WILLIAM ENNIS (SEAL)

December 3, 1762 came Nathaniel Ennis, Cornelius Ennis and Rachel Ennis the subscribing witnesses.

(Worcester County Wills, MH #3, pp. 52-3.)

LUCRESHE CLAYWELL

-1765

In the name of God Amen I Lucreshe Claywell being sick and weak of body but of sound and well disposed mind and memory do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following. Vizt.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my grandson Levin Hill my Negroes Samboy Jude and Leah to gather with their increase to him his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM: I do also give and bequeath unto Levin Hill afsd one cow and calf and a two year old heifer now at Moses Smiths as also all the rest of my estate whatsoever to him his heirs and assigns forever and I do hereby appoint Levin Hill to be my whole and sole executor of this my last will and testament and I do hereby revoke disannul and make void al and every other will or wills by me heretofore made and ratifying and confirming this to be my only last will and testament in testimony whereof I have here unto set my hand and seal affixed this seventeenth day of September Anno Domini 1765.

Lucresha [her mark] Claywell seal

Signed sealed published and delivered in the presence as the subscribing witness. Parker Selby Selby [his mark] Newton February 6, 1767. Then came parker Selby and Selby newton the subscribing witnesses to the aforegoing will and made oath on the holy evangelis of almighty God that they saw Lucretia Claywell the testator sign seal and heard her publish pronounce and declare the same to be her last will and testament and that at the time of her so doing she was to the best of their apprehension of a sound disposing mind and memory and that they signed the said will in the presence of the testator and at her request. Sworn before Benton Harris and deputy commissary

Maryland Prerogative Court Wills, 35, 191-193.

THOMAS ROBINS

1765

In the name of God, Amen, I Thomas Robins of Worcester County, etc.. .

ITEM: I leave to my loving wife Arralanter Robins one Negro man called Quash one Negro man called Old Toney and one ditto called Jack and one boy called Tilburry and one Negro woman called Bess and one ditto called Dinah and one Negro wench called Patience the above Negroes being given as part of her thirds of my personal estate.

ITEM: I also give unto my wife as much of my personal estate as will including the Negroes comfortable

ITEM: I give unto my son Thomas Robins land hold at South Point and one tract of land lying on the head of Aydelotts Branch called _____ pound containing 75 acres to him and his heirs and assigns. I give unto my wife one Negro woman called Pleasant and one Negro boy called Roger and one Negro girl called Fillus and 10 head of cattle young and old and one feather bed and furniture

ITEM: I give unto my son John Purnell Robins part of several tracts of land beginning at mouth of Swan Creek and binding on the South as the Creek lend to an old Mill Dam then with the main stream from the said Dam up and on the northernmost side of Beaver Island as the line tendeth to a point of land on the north side where the old neck fence entered or run in the said Dam branch to an oak mentioned in a tract of land called Robinses FOLLY until it intersects to a tract of land called Fair Fields binding on said land to the mouth of the said Creek it being part of sundry tracts

ITEM: To my son John Purnell Robins part of a tract of land called Scotland, and a Negro man called Daniel and one called Miney and one Negro woman called Rose and one Negro girls called Rhoda and also ten head of cattle and one feather bed and furniture and one horse or mair bridle and saddle

ITEM: to my son John Purnell Robins one halph of all the land I now own and possess in the cyprus swamp excluding what timber my son Littleton Robins shall want for his own use in building. Likewise I give unto my son John the Griss mill which I am about to build at the head of Swan Creek grinding as much corn or wheat for my son Littleton Robins as shall make use of in his family a tole and hopper [?] free.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my son Littleton Robins the remainder of a tract called Robinses folly on the north side of Swan Creek and adjoining land I gave my son John Purnell Robins. It joins also the land of Isaac Brittingham and his heirs. I also give my son Littleton one Negro man called Abraham and Negro woman called _____. also one ditto called Hannah and 10 head of cattle young and old and one feather bed and furniture and one horse and bridle and saddle.

ITEM; I give unto my son Littleton Robins all the land I own on Jeangoteague Island to him and his heirs.

ITEM: I lend unto my daughter ELIZABETH WINANT part of three tracts of land during her natural life one tract of land called Sandy Pont one other called Sandy Points Addition lying on the sea side and eighty two acres of land bought of John Selby and James Selby called Timber Grove lying back in the swamps and it is my will and desire all the aforementioned lent unto my daughter Elizabeth after her decease should fall and be the right and property of her heirs fully begotten of her body forever. I also lend to my said Daughter the use of four Negroes during her natural life viz. one Titus ye elder one Negro woman called Flora and one ditto called Easter and one ne Negro boy called Ben, and after her decease equally divided to and amongst her children lawfully begotten of her body.

ITEM: I lend unto my daughter Mary and William Purnell her husband the use of part of two tracts of land one called Spauldon the other Fathers Care during their natural lives and after their decease the same two parcels of land I give and bequeath unto my grandson Thomas Robins Purnell second son of said William Purnell and Mary his wife to him and his heirs and if said Thomas should die without an heir of his body lawfully begotten then it is my will and desire that the same should be the proper right of the next male heir of Mary to him and his heirs forever. I also give unto my daughter Mary Purnell one Negro man named Rick and on wench called Sue one Negro wench called comfort and a Negro boy called Minny. I give unto my son in law William Purnell all the land that is included in a resurvey on Spauldon and Scotland to him and his Heirs begot of ye body of my daughter Mary forever the above Negroes I gave with two other young Negroes Leah and Lyddia which they have now in possession.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my daughter Andasiah Robins all that part of a tract of land lying at Indian River adjoining the land where Joseph Melson now liveth called Purchase to her and her heirs lawfully begotten of her body. I give to my said daughter Andasia one Negro lad called Charles and one Negro woman called Rachel and one Negro girl called Sall and ten head of cattle young and ole one horse or mare bridle and saddle one bed and furniture.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my son Bowdin Robins all the land I own at the head of Saint Martins River that is to say part of a tract of land called Onortons Lott and part of a tract of land called Inch and one tract c called General Woolf conquest and one tract called Forest Grove and fifty acres called Collins Adventure and all that parcel of land that William Brazer is to make over by his bond given to me also my griss mill and sawmill and all other improvements thereto belong to him and his heirs forever. As also one tract of land called Gray's Disappointment to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM: I give unto my son Bowdoin one Negro man called Jacob one Negro boy called Able and one Negro girl called Tamer as also ten head of cattle young and old one feather bed and furniture and one horse or mare bridle and saddle and likewise I give and bequeath unto my son Bowdin a tract of land called Pleasant Grove which I bought of James Murray and all other tracts of land which I owned at St. Martins River and the remaining part of my Syprus Swamp Joyning to my son Johns except as much timber as my son Thomas Robins and my Daughter Elizabeth Winants shall

want for their own buildings for ten years. I give the same unto my said son Bowdin Robins and to his heirs.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Easter Robins all the land I own according to the lands and bounds hereafter mentioned and being part of sundry tracts lying in the forest on Adyolets Branch and beginning in the middle of a branch or a southwestern bounds of my land up the said branch that run between the plantation where Dunnick Dennis formally lived and his son Johnson Dennis Plantation then running down through the middle of the said branch to the main branch called Adyolets Branch and from thence across and into the mouth of another branch in the north side of Adyolets branch called Cyprus Branch then up the middle of Cyprus Branch to the extent of my land in said branch or swamp where it erases it being part of sundry tracts one called Second Choice and the other called Long Delay and part of one other tract called PARTNERSHIP one the south side of Aydolets branch and part of one other tract of land called Forest Range and one tract called Pleasant grove lying on the northside of said Aydolets branch all which said land according to the division above mentioned that lyes down and each side said Aydolets Branch I give to my aforesaid Daughter Easter Robins and to her heirs and assigns forever, and as also I give unto my said Daughter Easter two Negro boys called Tite the other called Will and three Negro girls one called Dol and ditto called Betty and one ditto called Leah a child of Flora's and I give my said daughter Easter ten head of cattle young and old one horse or mare bridle and saddle bed and furniture.

ITEM: I give unto my daughter Alanta Robins all the lands adjoining my daughter Easter Robins according to division mentioned for her by branches and all the lands up and each side of Adylottes being part of several tracts one called SECOND CHOICE one other called Partnership lying on the south side of Aydolets Branch and in the branch all which said land I give to my aforesaid Daughter Alanta Robins her heirs etc. I also give and bequeath unto my said Alanta three Negro boys one called Luke one ditto called Ned and one ditto called Quash also two Negro girls one called Billinda the other called Rhoda a called of Negro Pleasants I give to my said Daughter ten head of called young and old one horse or mare bridle and saddle bed and furniture.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto John and James Selby all that part of a tract of land called Industry agreeable to a bond I gave them excepting ye part which I have heretofore have made over unto Cornelius Ennis Senior at the request of the said Selbys, which land afsd I give unto the said John and James Selby their heirs ,etc. And I do hereby appoint my well beloved wife Arralanter Robins and my son John Purnell Robins to be my whole soul executrix and executor of this my last will and testament. Seal affixed this 5th day of December in the year of our lord one thousand and seven hundred and sixty five. Signed Sealed and Delivered in the Presence of

Bowdin Robins

John Morris

David Vance

Mary X Wilson

THOMAS ROBINS (SEAL)

June 20, 1766 then came Bowdoin Robins, John Morris and Mary Wilson and made oath that they saw Thomas Robins the testator sign and herd him publish this his last will.

Worcester County Wills JW #3, 125-128.

WILLIAM HUDSON

-1766

In the name of God, Amen, I William Hudson of Worcester County etc.,

IMPRIMUS: I give and bequeath to my two sons Henry Hudson and William Hudson all the land that I have lying above the Southern part of Asateage Creek which I have a paten for called HUDSONS CHOICE and likewise all the land that I take by a warrant of resurvey which I have on this tract of land called Hudson's Choice and if it please God either of my two sons shall die without issue lawfully begotten of their body all the aforesaid land to be the right and property of the living one and I doe her oblige my son Henry Hudson to pay all the cost of the lawsuit that is now joynd between him and Isaac Marshall son of John Marshall and the cash or money on the resurvaie to be payed by them both equally. All the afsd. land to be the right of my two sons Henry Hudson and William Hudson and their heirs lawfully begotten of their bodys forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my friend Charrells Rackliffe Junior ten acres of land part of St. Larences Neck and a part of this to by layd off according to my bond which he has for making over all the said ten acres to him his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my two sons Dennis Hudson and John Hudson all the remainder of my land attending to the courses of my patens and deeds one from Robert Hall and one from Dennis Hudson all the land that is contained in them two deeds to be the right and property of my two sons Dennis Hudson and John Hudson to be divided as followes all the land that lays to the north side of the road leading NATHANIEL ENNIS to John Marshalls beginning on the said road where the line of marked trees crosses the said road marked by Captain William Lane dividing my land and my brother Major Hudsons land then along the said road till it turns to the west place near an iron oak then up the slash till he intersects Charles Rackliffes land to him and his heirs and assigns and all the remains of my land to my son John Hudson to him his heirs forever if my son John Hudson dies without legal heirs then to pass to be divided equally among my three daughters MARY HUDSON, LEAH HUDSON, and ZIPPORAH HUDSON to their heirs and assigns forever and I debar my son JOHN HUDSON and my three daughters hear named of having nay right or clame to any part of his land during my wife widowhood and she my beloved wife SARAH to injoy and possess my Johns part during her widowhood.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my son John Hudson my hand mill to him and his heirs forever.

ITEM: I give to my daughter Zeporah Hudson my largest iron pot then to her heirs forever and I debar any of my children or grandchildren from claiming any right to any part of my goods and chattels during my wifes widowhood and she my wife SARAH HUDSON to enjoy the whole and at her death or marriage estate not yet menchaned to be equally divided among my three daughters Mary, Leah, Zeporah and their heirs.

And I doe constitute and point my beloved wife Sarah and my son William Hudson executors of this

my last will and testament.

20 March 1766. 13 June 1766

Witnesses:

Major Hudson

Martha Hudson

James Porter

13 June 1766 Sarah Hudson quits claim to legacies and elects to have her thirds.

Worcester County Wills JW #3, 118-121.

BENJAMIN BISHOP

-1767

I Benjamin Bishop of the county and province Worcester in Maryland do ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following, vizt.

First, I leave to my loving wife during her widowhood the use of my dwelling plantation with all the improvements and appurtenances to the same belonging and at her death or intermarriage which first shall happen my said dwelling plantation with all the land and every the appurtenances to the same belonging it being part of two tracts of land the one called Simpleton the other called Patrick hills I give to my son Benjamin Bishop and to his heirs and assigns forever.

Secondly I leave to my loving wife during her widowhood the use of one Negro boy named George and at her intermarriage the said Negro boy named George I give to my daughter Molly Bishop and to her heirs and assigns forever.

Thirdly I give and bequeath unto my son William Bishop and to his heirs and assigns forever all my right and title of in and unto all that tract of land called Londonderry with all and ever the improvements and appurtenances to the same belonging.

Fourthly: I give to my daughter Sabora Bishop and to her heirs and assigns forever one Negro boy named Isaac.

Fifthly: I give to my daughter Zipporah Bishop and to her heirs and assigns forever one Negro boy named Jacob.

Sixthly I give to my daughter Nancy Bishop and to her heirs and assigns forever one Negro boy named Stephen.

Seventhly: I give to my son John Bishop and to his heirs and assigns forever one Negro woman named Tuckeywaught, one young roan horse one mans saddle and four head of grown cattle.

Eighthly: I leave all the remainder of my personal estate to be equally divided between my children to wit: John, Molly, Sabora, Zipporah, Benjamin, Nancy and William Bishop.

Lastly, I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my loving wife executrix and my trusty friend Moses Payne executor of this my last will and testament as witness my hand and seal the 23rd day of April anno dom. 1767.

Benjamin [his mark] Bishop (Seal)

Sealed and delivered in presence of:

Joseph [his mark B] Bishop Sr.

Joseph [his mark B] Bishop Broad Neck

Lemuel Purnell

Worcester. Whereas I have been appointed executor in the last will and testament of Benjamin Bishop late deceased together with his wife executrix this may certify all concerned that I will not accept thereof but so renounce and refuse the same as witness my hand this third day of June 1767.

Moses M [his mark] Payne

To all concerned this June 3rd 1767. Then came Joseph Bishop Senr. Joseph Bishop Junr. And Lamuel Purnell the subscribing witnessses to the foregoing will and made oath on the Holy Evangelis of almighty God that they saw Benjamin Bishop the testator sign seal and heard him publish pronounce and declare the same to be his last will and testament and that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehension of a sound disposing mind and memory and that they subscribed their names as witnesses to the said will in presence of the testator and at his request.

Sworn before Benton Harris deputy Commissary of Worcester County.

June 19, 1767 then came Ann Bishop widow and relict of the above deceased and quit claim to the several devises made to her in said will and electeth in lieu thereof to have full thirds of his estate real and personal . Before Benton Harris Deputy Cmmissary of Worc. Co.

Maryland Prerogative Court Wills, 36, 27-28.

THOMAS OUTTEN

-1768

In the name of God, Amen, I Thomas Outten of Worcester County, in Maryland Planter being sick and weak, but in perfect mind and sound memory and calling to mind the uncertainty of life do dispose of life, do dispose of my temporal estate in manner and form following:

Imprimus: I give an bequeath to my son **Thomas** and his heirs 110 acres of land as laid off to the southward of the division line more or less.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter **Molly Toadvine** one shilling sterling to be paid by my executrix.

Item: I give and bequeath all my personal estate after my legal debts are paid and a third part taken out for my wife to be equally divided between my nine children 9 (to wit): **Esther, Levi, Betty, Leah, Nanny, Thomas, Mathias, and Samuel and Sarah** only my will and desire is that my wife have the use of my said estate during her widowhood.

Lastly, I constitute and appoint my loving wife Ann my whose and sole executrix, of this my last will and testament.

And I do hereby revoke all other and former wills or wills by me made, ratifying and confirming this to be my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and affixed my seal this 30th day of March, 1768.

Signed sealed and published
Declared by Thomas Outten as
his last will and testament.

signed in presence of
Benjamin Handy Thomas X Outten
John X McDaniel
Elizabeth X Victor

April 9, 1768 John McDaniel and Elizabeth Victor two of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will made oath on the holy evangels of Almighty God that they saw Thomas Outten the testator sign the will. He was to the best of their apprehension of a sound disposing mind and memory and that they subscribed their names as witnesses to the said will in the presence of the Testator. and at his request and that they saw Benjamin Handy the other subscribing witness sign his name as a witness in the presence of the testator.

May 20, 1768 then came Ann Outten widow and relict of Thomas Outten, late of Worcester County and renounced the several legacies and bequests made to her in that will and chuseth in lieu thereof to have the thirds of the dec'd estate as by law allowed.
Worcester County Wills, JW3, fol. 179-180.

ARTHUR MACKALLEN

- 1768

In the name of God, Amen, the 9th day of October 1768 I Arthur Mackallen of the county of Worcester in the province of Maryland, Planter being of perfect sense and memory thanks to Almighty God and calling to mind the uncertain state of this transitory life and that all flesh must heild (?) into death when it pleases God to call them I therefore do hereby make, constitute, ordain and declare this my last will and testament in manner following revoking all manner of wills heretofore by me made and this only to be taken as my last will and testament. First, I desire that all my just debts I owe to any person shall be well and truly paid or ordained to be paid within convenient time after my decease by my executor after named and as for what worldly estate God hath bestowed upon me far above my deserts I give and dispose of them in manner following, viz., I leave the use of my plantation and everything thereon to my beloved WIFE during her natural life.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my son ALEXANDER at his mother's decease the plantation whereon I now live and a tract adjoining it called Long Acre and another tract in the forest called Support to him and his heirs forever providing he pays into my estate the sum of twenty pounds, fifteen pounds of which to be paid to my grandson ARTHUR MCFADDEN when he arrives to the age of twenty one. But if he should die before he comes at age then ye money to be divided among my surviving children, the other five pounds ____ to lay out in pewter when my daughter JEAN's children come of age and divide the pewter equally among them. I give also to my son ALEXANDER two feather beds and furniture to the same belonging and one yoke of steers and one young heifer and my silver watch and my sadle and bridle with all my cidar casks and tubs and my grind stone and my ploughs and harrows, axes and hoes and my sythe and one small gunn.

ITEM: I leave to my son ARTHUR JEHOSEPHAT MACALLEN's daughters when the youngest of them arrives at the age of sixteen a negro wench named Rose and a negro girl named Hannah to be divided amongst them but the said negroes to remain in the hands of my executor till the youngest of them arrives to the age of sixteen years. I give and bequeath unto my daughter ZENOBIA one negro boy named Jacob to her and her heirs forever.

ITEM: I give to my daughter RACHEL fifteen pounds out of my estate and two cows and calfs and one feather bed and furniture to the same belonging with her riding sadle and a leather trunk and one foot wheel.

ITEM: I give to my grandson ARTHUR MCFADDEN when he comes to the age of twenty one, one featherbed and furniture.

ITEM: I leave to my granddaughter COMFORT STURGIS one featherbed and furniture to wit: the bed that has the linen and I also leave the said Comfort one cow and calf the foresaid things not to be delivered till she comes to the age of eighteen years etc.

ITEM: I leave to my daughter JEAN three dollares and no more and as for the rest of my estate not heretofore mentioned and given after my debts are all paid I leave to be equally divided between my daughter ZENOBIA and my daughter RACHEL, my will further is that my executor sell that land whereon William Sturgis dwelt before he removed to Snow Hill and to pay what is due to Naomi

Atkinson by his or my contract and I do hereby appoint my son Alexander my whole and sole executor of this my last will and testament by the advice and council of my beloved friend Petter Chelly

ARTHUR MACKALLEN (SEAL)

Signed, sealed and acknowledged in the presence of the subscribing witnesses: Mathew McNider, John X Dennis

A supplement to the within will that I do declare my intentions more perfectly may be understood that when I left my negro wench Rose to my sons ARTHUR JEHOSEPHAT'S DAUGHTERS that her increase the date hereof should also be for the use of the aforesaid daughters excepting one child that I desire my son ALEXANDER should have for his trouble.

ARTHUR MACKALLEN

Signed, sealed and acknowledged in presence of same witnesses.

April 29, 1769 then came Matthew McNider and John Dennis the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will and made oath on the Holy Avangelis of Almighty God that they saw Arthur MacKallen the testator sign, seal and heard him publish, pronounce and declare the same to be his last will and testament and that at the time of so doing he was to be best of their apprehension of a sound, disposing mind and memory and that they subscribed their names as witnesses to the said will in the presence of the testator and at his request.

Sworn before Benton Harris, Deputy Comry. of Worc. Co.

April 29, 1769 Then came Matthew McNider and John Dennis the subscribing witnesses saw the testator sign . . . the above supplement to . . . be taken as part of the will

Mr. Harris, Sir, the will may stand as it is for I have nothing to say against it for I will not take my thirds of it as I have the whole of all my lifetime all from Sir yours

RACHEL X Mackallen May 5, 1769

(Worcester Will Book JW #3, folio 194)

MARY MACKALLEN

- 1769

Maryland Worcester County. Nuncupative Will of Mary Mackallen widow and relict of ARTHUR JEHOSEPHAT MACKALLEN Junior, planter of Worcester County deceased made at her last place of abode in the county aforesaid in her last sickness to witt: on the 20th day of this instant October in the presence of Sarah Gunn and Betty Prior who being present was called to be witnesses to the same in the manner following vizt; first the said Mary Mackallen desired that her brother WILLIAM BELL should be executor of her estate and as for her three little daughters whom she seemed to have the most tender regard for she desired that her said brother might have the care to bring them up and that he might be appointed guardian to them _____ a gold ring property of her deceased husband in the possession of Rachel Mackallen shall be got and kept for her eldest daughter. _____ that her sister _____ Bell, wife to William Bell provide clothing for them as she shall think fit.

October 14, 1786. About 2 o'clock ante meridiem then came Sarah Gunn and Betty Prior.

(Worcester Will Book, JW #3, folios 177-178)

ANN TREHEARN
- 1770

Somerset County. Be it remembered that on the twenty second day of October one thousand seven hundred and seventy Ann Trahearn of the county aforesaid being very sick and on her last bed of sickness did call on us the subscribers to take notice and made this Nuncupative Will in the manner and form following--

I give unto ELIZABETH TRAHEARN one looking glass.

I give all the rest of my estate to Sires TRAHEARN and Elizabeth Trahearn to be equally divided between them made the day and year above written before me.

Nehemiah Turpin
Benjamin Scott

On the 17th day of December one thousand seven hundred and seventy came Nehemiah Turpin and Benjamin Scott and made oath on the holy Evangelis of Almighty God that on the twenty second day of October one thousand seven hundred and seventy that Ann Trahearn did call on them and desired them to take notice and made her nuncupative will in the manner and form aforesaid.

Sworn before Thomas Holbrook, deputy Comer. of Somerset County.

(Somerset County Will Book EB #4, folio 159)

JAMES TRAHEARN

- 1770

In the name of God Amen the last will and testament of James Trahearn.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my son SAMUEL TRAHEARN all the land I have and do hold to him and his heirs and assigns forever one feather bed and furniture.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my son CYRIS TRAHEARN one horse he calls his and one feather bed with furniture and all the cattle that are called his and one hand mill.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my daughter BETTY TRAHEARN one feather bed and furniture and all ye cattle that are called Betty's and all the sheep that are in her marke and one young horse and one desk.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my daughter GLEPORA SILBET (SELBY) my copper still and worm.

ITEM: I leave unto my wife ANN TREHEARN all the rest of my estate during her widdowhood and to give it to her children when she pleases.

ITEM: I leave Samuel Trehearn to prove my last will and testament.

August 28, 1769. Signed sealed and published in presence of Nehemiah Turpin, Coullbourn Long and Benjamin Scott.

JAMES Y TREHEARN (SEAL)

On the 23rd day of March 1770 came Nehemiah Turpin Coulbourn Long and Benjamin Scott the three subscribing witnesses and made oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God that they did see the Testator James Trahearn sign and seal the aforegoing will and heard him publish pronounce and declare the same to be his last will and testament and that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of each of there apprehensions of a sound disposing mind memory and understanding and that subscribed there names as witnesses to the said will in the presence of the said Testator.

Sworn before Thos. Hollbrook depty comy.

On the 23 day of March 1770 came Samuell Trehearn and made oath on the holy evangelist of Almighty God that the within instrument of writing is the true and only will and testament of James Trahearn that he hath come to his hands possession and that he did not know or ever heard of any other sworn before Thos Holbrook.

(Somerset County Will Book EB #4, folios 153-153b)

SARAH JOHNSON

-1772

In the name of God Amen, I Sarah Johnson of Worcester County in the province of Maryland begin of perfect mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament and memory and form following: that is first I give to my daughter Charity Johnson the first living child my Negro Wench Leah shall bring the aforesaid Negro wench to keep and nurse the said child till it be two years old if it should live till that age also I give to my daughter afsd my mare and also my waring clothes.

Secondly, I give to my son Leonard Johnson the afsd Negro wench called Leah and also the first colt my Mare (which I have before given to my daughter Charity) shall bring.

Thirdly, I give to my son Daniel Johnson, my feather bed and furniture and one cow and calf.

Fourthly: I leave my share of the crop of corn to be equally divided between my sons Leonard Johnson and Daniel Johnson and my daughter Charity Johnson after all my debts be paid which I desire shall be [paid out of the afsd crop.

Fifthly I leave all the rest of my estate to be equally divided between my son Daniel Johnson and my daughter Charity Johnson.

And I appoint my son Leonard Jonson executor of this my last will and testament and in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and fixed my seal this seventh day of September anno dom. Seventeen hundred and seventy one.

Signed sealed and published pronounced and ordered by the said Sarah Johnson to be her last will and testament in the presence of Levi Beachboard Hugh Wilson.

Sarah [her mark] Johnson Seal

on the back of the foregoing will was thus written viz.

July 3, 1772 then came Levi Beachboard and Hugh Nelson the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will and made oath sign seal and heard her publish pronounce and ordain the same to be her last will and testament and that at the time of her so doing she was to the best of their apprehension of a sound disposing mind and memory and that they subscribed their names as a witnesses to the said will the presence of the testator and her request.

Benton Harris Deputy Commisary of Worcester County,.

JOSEPH BISHOP, JR.

- 1773

I Joseph Bishop, Junior, of Worcester County . . . make this last will and testament in manner and form following: viz,

FIRST: I leave to my wife during her widowhood the use of my dwelling plantation with all the improvements and appurtenances there unto the same belonging and at her death or intermarriage whichever shall happen. First my said plantation with all the lands and every appurtenances thereto the same belonging, it being a part of a tract of land called Scarborough Castle or generally called Durum House, I give to my son BENJAMIN ENNIS BISHOP and to his heirs and assigns for ever upon the said Benjamin Enes's paying my son SAMUEL BISHOP fifteen pounds current money of Maryland and if my son Benjamin Ennis Bishop should refuse to pay my son Samuel the said fifteen pounds I leave my plantation above mentioned to be equally divided between my two sons BENJAMIN ENES BISHOP and SAMUEL BISHOP.

SECONDLY: I leave to my loving WIFE during her widowhood the use of all my personal estate and at her death or intermarriage (?) whichever should happen first I leave all my personal estate to my son Samuel Bishop and his heirs and assigns forever.

THIRDLY: I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my loving wife executrix of this my last will and testament as witness my hand and seale this 6th day of April, 1773.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presents of us: Jesse Ennis, Levi Merrill, and John (his mark) Jenkins.

JOSEPH BISHOP (his seal)

August 13, 1773 came Jesse Ennis and John Jenkins two of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will and made oath on the Holy Avengalis of Almighty God that they saw Joseph Bishop sign, seal and heard him publish, pronounce and declare the same to be his last will and testament.

Sworn before Benton Harris, Deputy Commsry. of Worcester County.

(Worcester County Will Book JW #4, folios 148-149)

NATHANIEL ENNIS SENIOR
-1773

In the name of god Amen, I Nathaniel Ennis Senior of Worcester County and province of Maryland being in a weak and low condition but in perfect senses and sound memory. First I commit my soul to God who made it and my body to the grave to be buried in a Christian like manner at the discession of my friend. Then I proceed to leave such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to send and indew me with. to wit:

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my son Luke Ennis all my land whereon I now live with houses orchards and marsh and to him and his male heir lawfully begotten of his body for ever but if my son Luke Ennis should without male heir [sic] then my will is that my son Jesse Ennis should have my land he and his heirs for ever, but upon my son Luke Ennis having my land he shall pay that debt which come again me by Charles Ennis executor which is about 33 pound or thereabout and my son Luke shall pay to my two daughters Elloner and Leah Ennis the sum of fifteen pounds apeas on that day six months after my decease.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my son Luke Ennis one bed and furniture to him and his heir for ever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my son Jesse Ennis two sheep to him and his heirs.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my two sons my part or share of my Petteauger plows and harrows and all my carpenters tools to be equally divided between them.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my granddaughter Elloner Ennis daughter of Jesse Ennis one heiffer.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elloner Ennis one feather bed and furniture one loom and everything thereunto belonging slays etc. and one side saddle to her and her heirs forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath my daughter Leah Ennis one feather bed and furniture one desk one box iron and heaters and one side saddle to her and her heirs forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my son Luke Ennis all my casks and my part of a pair of stillard that is to be between Leven Davis and I to him and his heirs for ever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my son Levi Ennis that five pounds that I paid to Charles Ennis for him and my riding saddle to him and his heirs.

ITEM: I give and bequeath all my personal estate that shall be then left to my two daughters Elloner and Leah Ennis to be equally divided between them and their heirs.

ITEM: I ordain my son Jesse Ennis my whole and sole executor of this my last will and testament as witness my hand and seal this 12th day of August 1773. Proved Feb. 12, 1773

WIT: Cornelius X Ennis, Belitha B Brittingham, Nathaniel Ennis (X) (Mark) Nathaniel
Brittingham, Joshua Townsend. Worcester Wills, JW4, p. 162.

REBECCA ENNIS

-1773

DEED OF GIFT

Know all men by thee presents that I REBECCA ENNIS of Worcester County in the province of Maryland for an in consideration of the love affection good will I bear unto my son John ENNIS, do give

and confirm unto the said son John ENNIS his heirs and assigns forever one Negro boy called Isaac one featherbed and furniture one looking glass. To have to hold the abovementioned Negro Boy Isaac, one bed and furniture and one looking glass unto him the offset John ENNIS his heirs and assigns forever without any interruption or molestation of any person whatsoever that he may from time to time and at all times forever hereafter have hold in possess and enjoy the same forever hereafter agreeable to this true intent in meaning of these presents. Witness my hand and seal this lath day of March 1773.

REBEKER R (her mark)ENNIS

Mary 24, 1773 the deed of gift was enrolled among the records of Worcester County. Rebecca ENNIS to John ENNIS, Deed Book I, (1773), p. 237.

REBECCA ENNIS DEPOSITION (1773), Deed Book I, p. 252 as follows:

The deposition of Rebecca ENNIS aged Eighty years or thereabouts being sworn on the Holy Evangels. ... that about thirty five years past she was a near neighbor to William Davis on the sea side then in Somerset County now in Worcester County and she never knew any other William Davis that lived on the sea side and that the offset William Davises fathers name was John Davis and that she saith she also remembers the day the offset William Davis was married to Margaret Hudson and also that Thomas Fletcher the minister of the Parish married them and she heard the offset William Davis often speaking about his land in Sussex County and he and Thomas ROBINS used to go to see it and she further saith that Levin Davis who now lives on the plantation where the offset William formerly lived was a son of the offset William Davis for she was there in a few days after he was born of the wife of the offset William and that Levin was the second son of the offset William and Margaret as witness my name.

REBECCA R (her mark) ENNIS

April 7, 1773.

REBECCA ENNIS TO BOAZ ENNIS AND NATHANIEL ENNIS:

affidavits of William ENNIS and Mary Brittingham (1773), Worcester County Deeds, I, p. 253.)

May 1, 1773 then came WILLIAM ENNIS and made his oath on the Holy Evangels that the 14th of March last John ENNIS came to Mary Brittinghams house to see his mother Rebecca he mother lay sick and brought the instrument of wrighting which his mother signed but it was folded down over all the wrighting and was not read in her presence but thought it was her will at the time he signed

it as a witness which since appears to be a deed of gift contrary to the expectations of the said Rebecca ENNIS and further saith not. May 1, 1773 then Mary Brittingham made oath on the Holy Evangels that John ENNIS came to her house with an instrument of wrighting which she signed as a witness but it was folded over the writing and believes it was never read in the presence of her mother who signed it and that the time that Rebecca ENNIS signed the offset writing she was very lowe sick and weak and cont composed to sign any document of wrighting and further saith that when Rebecca ENNIS was raised of up off her bed to sign the writing she asked her if it had been read who answered no she only signed it neither acknowledged it to be her will.

May 4, 1773 the depositions were enrolled in the records of Worcester County.

(p. 253) To all persons whom these presents shall come or may concern I Rebecca ENNIS of Worcester county. . . know ye that I the said Rebecca ENNIS as well for an in consideration of the natural love and affection which I bear unto my beloved grandson Boaz ENNIS (son of my beloved son Nathaniel ENNIS of the county and province offset as also for divers other good causes and considerations have given and granted and by these presents do give grant and confirm unto the said Boaz ENNIS one Negro man named Isaac, only saving unto my well beloved son Nathaniel ENNIS the use service and labour of this offset Negro man Isaac during his natural life and at his decease the offset Isaac to the said Boaz his heirs etc.

Signed in the presence of

Samuel Handy

John Purnell Robins.

Rebecca R (her mark) ENNIS

SEAL

MARY ENNIS

- 1775

In the name of God, Amen, the 22nd day of January one thousand seven hundred and seventy five. I Mary Ennis of Worcester County am very sick and weak of body but of perfect sound, sense and memory lett thanks be given unto God therefore calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die principally that is to say, first of all I give and recommend my soul unto God that gave it and my body I leave it to the earth to be buried in a Christian like and decent manner. According to the discession of my executors and as for all the worldly goods that it hath pleased Almighty God to bless me with I give and dispose of the same in the following manner:

IMPRIMUS: It is my will that I do constitute, make and ordain my friend Barkley Townsend, son of Jeremiah Townsend my only Executor of this my last will.

ITEM: I give two thirds of my estate unto my dearly beloved friend BARKLEY TOWNSEND, son of Jeremiah Townsend and to his heirs and assigns for ever.

ITEM: I give unto my dearly beloved friend JESSE ENNIS, son of Nathaniel Ennis the one third and remainder of my estate to him and his heirs and assigns forever. And I do hereby revoke and disannull all and each other will or wills by me heretofore made or named and do strengthen and confirm this to be the last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and affixed my seal this day and year above written.

Signed, sealed and published in the presents of us:

Schoolfield Parker
Levin (his mark) Godfrey
Rhoda Townsend
Mary X (her mark) Ennis
(Seal)

March 8, 1775 came Schoolfield Parker and Rhoda Townsend two of the subscribing witnesses to the will and declared they had seen it written and that Mary Ennis was to the best of their apprehension of a sound, disposing mind and memory and that they the subscribed their names as witnesses at her request.

(Worcester County Wills, 1775, pp. 286-287.)

WILL OF ANN OUTTEN WIDOW OF THOMAS OUTTEN
1775

In the name of God, Amen. I ANN OUTTEN, widow, of Worcester County and province of Maryland being in perfect health and sound memory blessed bee God do make and Publish this my last will and Testament this 7th day of April, 1775 as follows, to wit;

ITEM: I give to my son **Matthias Outten** a piece of land called Chance.

ITEM: I give to my daughter **Sarah Outten** my new black walnut desk.

ITEM: I give to my daughter **Leah Outten** one feather bed and furniture.

ITEM: I give to my son **Samuel Outten** one feather bed and furniture.

ITEM: I give to my son **Levi Outten** one shilling sterling.

ITEM: I give to my daughter **Easter Ennis** one shilling sterling.

ITEM: I give to my daughter **Elizabeth Truitt** one shilling sterling.

ITEM: I give to my daughter **Molly Toadvine** one shilling sterling.

ITEM: I give all my waring apparel to equally be divided between my daughter **Sarah Outten**.

ITEM: My will is that if my son **Mathias Outten** and if my son **Samuel Outten** should die without issue I give my hors Chance to my Daughter **Sarah**.

ITEM: If my daughter **Sarah Outten** should die without issue my will is that all her part that I ware to her of my Issue should be equally devided between my three daughters **Elizabeth, Nanney, and Leah** and all the remainder part of my estate to be equally devided between my children, namely: **Samuel and Sally**. I leave my son **Thomas Outten** and John Townsend whole and sole executor of this my last will and testament. As witness my hand and seal the day and year above written. . .

Signed and Sealed in the presence of : Joshua Townsend, Nancy Townsend

Ann X Outten

Then came Thomas Outten and John Townsend and made oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that this within instrument of writing is the true and whole will and testament of Anne Outten late of Worcester County deceased that hath come to their hands or possession and that they do not know of any other.

October 18, 1777. Then came Joshua Townsend and Nanney his wife two subscribing witnesses to the within last will and testament. Worcester County Wills, JW4, pp. 353-354.

LUKE ENNIS

-1780

In the name of God Amen, I Luke Ennis of Worcester County being weak and lowe but of sound memory and understanding to therefore make and publish this my last will and testament.

ITEM: my will and desire is that my wife Peggy Enis should have the use of my land during her life provided that she not mary but if my said wife should see proper to marry again then my will and desire is that my said wife should have the use of the land only fifteen years from the date hereof and after the end of said fifteen years my will is that my said wife should have the one third of my lands during her life if she should see proper to marry again my will is that my said wife should have the use of my

lands above mentioned provided that she do not cut any timber in said land more than for the use of said plantation. I also give my said wife the one third of all my personal estate to her and her disposal My will is also that my said wife should have the use of my personal estate until my children shall come of age to call on their parts of the estate; then my will is that my said children should have their parts as hereafter given.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my son John Ennis all my land and one feather bed and furniture to him (the said land to be possessed by him at the end of the gift to his Mother and his heirs forever.

ITEM: I give to my son Isaac Ennis my silver shoe buckles and stock buckels my will and desire is if my son John Ennis should die without heir lawfully begotten of his Body that my son Isaac Ennis should have my land . . . forever.

ITEM:: I give to my daughter Mary Ennis, my Negro woman Sarah to her and her heirs.

ITEM: My will and desire is that all the increase that my Negro woman Sarah should have when my son Isaac arrives at the age of 21 years should be equally divided between my said son Isaac and Daughter Mary Ennis and their heirs.

ITEM: My will is that all the rest of my estate that hath not been given away should be divided equally between my two children Isaac and Mary Ennis to them and their heirs.

ITEM: I leave my brother Jesse Ennis and cozen Joshua Townsend as my trustees to this my will to use that my said will shall be fulfilled.

ITEM: I leave to my wife Peggy Ennis whole and sole executrix of this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I the aid Luke Ennis hereunto sett my hand seal affix this 15th day of January 1780.

Signed and sealed in the presents of
Phillip Quinton

L. Bishop
Yelverton Probart

LUKE ENNIS (Seal)

February 18, 1780 then came Peggy Ennis and made oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that . . .the will was accurate.

I further certify that Peggy Ennis the widow of the deceased was present at the time the above probate was taken and that she did not object to the taking of the same. She agrees to serve as administratrix..

Worcester County Wills JW #4, 496-99.

MAJOR HUDSON -1781

Major Hudson of Worcester County etc.

ITEM: to son Robert Hudson all my lands that I now live on that lie between the lines of Charles Rackliffe and John Hudson with all my houses orchards and privileges thereunto belonging to him his

heirs etc forever upon my said son Robert Hudson or his heirs paying unto my son James Holland Hudson the sum of 200 lbs specie on the day that my son James Holland arrives at the age of 21. But if my son Robert Hudson his heirs should refuse to pay my son James Holland Hudson the sum of 200 lbs specie James is to have the land where I live on a line drawn as follows: Beginning at a red oak stdg. within 25 or 30 yards to the North west of my wharf on the Creek that runs between me and CORNELIUS ENNIS Senior thence running northward through my plantation to a large persimon tree standing to the north eastward of my plantation running through the woods so as to divide my wood lying and above given to my son Robert Hudson between my son Robert Hudson and James Holland Hudson and his heirs and if my son Robert should refuse or neglect o pay or cause to be paid to my so James 200 lbs. before mentioned then Robert shall be at half expense in building a house for my son James on his part of my land 25' x 16' with one brick chimney.

ITEM: If Robert Hudson dies without issue lawfully begotten to my son Mckimmey Hudson should have all my land and improvements above given to Robert.

ITEM: to son Robert my Negro boy to him and also a bed and furniture commonly called his bed with the best Rugg that I have but one and one Bedstead mat and cord.

ITEM: to ROBERT my old yolk of steers and my wain and one ox yoak all my cyder cask

ITEM: To my son Robert my hand mill and grindstone to him and his heirs, and my wild Charity hoe chest of drawers.

Item: I give all my land on Fenixes Island to my son Robert Mckimmey Henry Jesse Levi John and James Holland Hudson to be equally divided between them and their heirs.

ITEM: I five also all the rest of my land not heretofore given away.

ITEM: I appoint Joshua Townsend and William Selby of Snow Hill to divide my land between three sons Jesse, Henry and Levi. After the death of son Henry his part of land to go to grandson Major Hudson son of my son Henry Hudson and his heirs.

ITEM: I give to my daughter Unicey Hudson my maple chest of drawers, one Negro girl called Minta; one Negro boy named Luke one bed and furniture one blanket and one best green rugg, my shortest piece of blew broad cloath as much of my light colored Shalloon as will make her a coat or quilt my

peace of black callimence, my brown mare called Beggar and 1/2 Johannar and one guiney to make her Bobbs and Rings to her and her heirs.

ITEM: I give to McKimmey one Negro boy named Shadrack 1000 lbs of tobacco and one bed and furniture to him his heirs.

ITEM: To my daughter Ruth Sturgis, my best maple desk one bed and furniture, cow and calf to her and heir heirs.

ITEM: to my granddaughter Sally Sturgis one year old heiffer.

ITEM: TO granddaughter Martha Hudson daughter of Henry Hudson one year old heiffer.

ITEM: to son ROBERT my snuff coulard piece of broad cloth with trmning for the same to make him a coat.

ITEM: to James Hudson my horse called Old Tony.

ITEM: To my son Robert my Mare both called Peggy

ITEM: To my daughter Unicey my looking glass and two cows and calves or the value in cattle.

ITEM: to my son John Hudson one bed and furniture my light coulard peace of broad cloath two three years and a half old black steers and my second best maple desk and 2000 lbs. of tobacco to him and his heirs.

ITEM: to son Henry by black man called DIAMOND.

ITEM: to my son Levi, 1000 lbs. of tobacco.

ITEM: to my son Jesse two three year old red stears to him and is heirs

ITEM: to daughter Sophia MCALLEN one cow and calf

ITEM: to granddaughter Lucrea McAllen one year old heiffer

ITEM: I give all my Brittanistimer to my daughter Ruth and Unicey.

ITEM: The rest of my estate not already given to be divided equally between sons Robert, Henry, McKimmey, Jesse, Levi, John and James and my daughters Ruth and her heirs.

I appoint my son Robert Hudson and wife Martha whole and sole executrix of last will.

Signed October 21, 1781

Major Hudson (Seal)

Dennis X Hudson

George X Ennis

Joshua Townsend

16 November then came George Ennis and Joshua Townsend to give oaths.

Worcester County Wills JW #4, 462-466.

THOMAS LAMBDEN, SENIOR,

- 1782

In the name of God Amen. I THOMAS LAMBDEN of Worcester County and State of Maryland being sick and weak in body but of sound and memory, considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs, and thereby be the better, prepared to leave this world when ever it shall please God to cal me home, do therefore make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say:

First and Principally I commit my soul into the hands of Almighty God and my body to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my executor hereinafter named.

I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife SARAH LAMBDEN the use and possession of all and every part and parcel of my movable estate, to enjoy the same without disturbance during her natural life and at the expiration of which, to such of my children, and in such manner as she shall think proper.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my son in law JAMES ATKINSON the one third lot of ground in Snow Hill town number 3 laying next to the river side, as also the whole of my cypress swamp called CHANCE laying upon Pocomoke River, to him his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my grandson EDWARD LAMBDEN a tract of land called Fletchers addition where upon Stephen Roach now lives, to him his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my grandson Christopher Ozburn my whole interest right and title in and to a piece of land which I formerly obtained a mortgage for from Robert Pitt Esq. Deceased and on which Littleton Long now lives to him his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my son-in-law JAMES ATKINSON my whole claim and demand against my son in law Jacob Merrill for the debt and costs of a suit in court against the said Jacob Merrill wherein I his security, became assumable for the whole debt, costs and prison charges. And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my son in law James Atkinson my whole and sole executor of this my last will and testament hereby annulling all former wills by me heretofore made. Ratifying and confirming this an none other to be my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this tenth day of November in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty two.

THOMAS LAMBDEN (Seal)

Signed, Sealed, Published and
declared by Thomas Lambden the
above named Testator as and for his last will and testament

in the present of us, who at his request and in his presence have
subscribed our names as witnesses thereto. William Handy, David Tayler, Jacob Roach (X)
Roach's Mark

Worcester County November 20, 1782 then came James Atkinson Executor of the last will and

testament of Thomas Lambden late of Worcester County deceased and made oath on the holy evangels of Almighty god that the within instrument of writing is the true and whole will and testament of Thomas Lambden late of Worcester County deceased that have come to his hands and possession and that he hat not known of any others.

Worcester County Will Book JW #3, 503-504.

MICHAEL TARR

- 1787

In the name of God Amen, I, Michael Tarr of Worcester County in the state of Maryland being sick in body but of good and perfect memory thanks be to Almighty God and calling to remembrance the uncertain state of this transitory life and that all flesh must yield unto death when it shall please God to call them do make, constitute, ordain and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following:

I give and bequeath unto my son _____ one shilling sterling and to my daughter BETTY BELL one shilling sterling and no more and to my son ELI TARR one shilling and no more and to my son SAMUEL TARR one shilling and no more and to my son ELIJAH TARR, I give and bequeath twenty acres of land being part of a tract called KILKENNY whereon he now lives to him the said Elijah his heirs and assigns forever. I give to my son JOHN TARR one shilling and to my son WILLIAM WATERS TARR I give one shilling and no more. I give and bequeath unto my son MICHAEL TARR all my lands which I have any right title or interest in together with all the appurtenances to the same belonging with one hand mill during the natural life of said Michael and at his decease I give and bequeath all the above said lands and the appurtenances to the same belonging, to my two daughters POLLY and NANCY TARR to be equally divided between them. I likewise and in like manner give them all of my personal estate to possess my said personal estate at the age of sixteen years and the above gifts is to said Polly and Nancy Tarr their heirs and assigns forever. I hereby appoint my son Michael Tarr to be executor of this my last will and testament. In witness where of I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 22nd day of September 1787.

MICHAEL TARR (Seal)

Signed sealed and declared by the said Michael Tarr to be his last will and testament in the presence of John Holland, William Holland, John Thomas Holland.

Worcester County. The 7th day of August Anno Domini 1792 there came Michael Tarr and made oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that the within instrument of writing is the true and whole will and testament of Michael Tarr late of Worcester County deceased that both came to his hands and possession and that he doth not know of any other. Levin Handy Reg.

Worcester County. The 7th day of August Anno Domini 1792 then came John Holland, William Holland Junior and Thomas Holland, the subscribing witnesses to this the within last will and testament of Michael Tarr late of Worcester County deceased and severally made oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they and each of them saw the Testator therein named sign the will and there he called upon them to witness the same, that at the time of his so doing, he was to the best of their apprehensions of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding and that they respectively subscribed their names as witnesses to this will in the presence of the testator and in the presence of each other. Levin Handy, Reg.

(Worcester County Will Book JW #4, folios 93-94)

ELI TARR SENIOR

- 1792

In the name of God, Amen, I, Eli Tarr, Senior, of Worcester County in the state of Maryland being in perfect mind and memory considering all men be mortal and the time of death uncertain doth therefore for the better settling of my worldly estate after my death make this my last will and testament in manner as follows--

ITEM: I make void all of my former wills and testaments and do bequeath my soul to God who give it and my body to be buried in decent Christian like manner and do give all my worldly estate as follows:

ITEM: I give unto my beloved son JOHN TARR one sorrel horse and two young steers two years old and two heifers three years old each and one bed and furniture to him and his heirs forever and all the rest of my estate not yet given away after my lawful debts is paid to be equally divided between LEVEION [sic] Tarr and John Tarr.

ITEM: Lastly I do will and appoint my two sons Leveion Tarr and John Tarr executors of this my last will and testament to which I put my hand and seal this seventh day of January one thousand seven hundred and ninety two.

ELI TARR (Seal)

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of

Testes: Michael Tarr, Junior
John Bell
William Pries

Worcester County. The 21th day of February Anno Domini 1792. Then came Leven and John Tarr and severally made oath on the holy Evangels of Almighty God that this foregoing document of writing is the last will and testament of ELI TARR SENIOR late of Worcester County, deceased, that have come to their hands or possession and that they do not know any other. . . . Before John Wise, Reg.

Worcester County. The 21 day of February Anno Domini 1792 then came Michael Tarr, Junior, and John Bell two of the subscribing witnesses of the foregoing last will and testament of Eli Tarr, Senior, late of Worcester County deceased and severally made oath on the holy Evangels of Almighty God that they saw the testator sign seal and heard him publish, pronounce and declare the same to be his last will and testament and that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehension of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding and that they with William Price the other subscribing witness respectively subscribed their names as witnesses to this will in the presence and at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other. Before John Wise, Reg.
(Worcester County Will Book JBR, folios 69-70)

CORNELIUS ENNIS

-1793

In the name of God Amen, I Cornelius Ennis of Worcester County being weak and sick in body but of sound disposing mind memory and understanding, thanks be to Almighty God and considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time when and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs and thereby the better prepared to leave this world when it shall please God to call me hence do therefore make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following viz.

First: and principally, I commit my soul unto the hand of Almighty God and my body to the earth to be decently buried at the discession of my executors hereinafter named and as to all my worldly goods after my debts and funeral charges are paid I devise and bequeath them as follows:

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my dearly beloved daughter Nelly Ennis all that tract or parcel of land called Hog Range containing one hundred acres more or less to her and her heirs also one Negro girl called Lear one girl called Martha also two feather beds and furniture one maple desk and twelve bottles and one chest one small looking glass one year old colt to her and her heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my dearly beloved son Jesse Ennis all that tract or parcel of land whereon I now live containing one hundred and thirty acres of land more or less, to him and his heirs and assigns forever. I also give unto him one boy called Bill one girl called Batt (?) two feather beds and furniture one desk one case of fifteen bottles one hand mill and _____ my two guns to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my dearly beloved wife Sarah Ennis one Negro woman called Sarah one girl named Sabarough four cows and calves one bed and furniture and a trunk and case of twelve bottles, my riding mare to her and the great table and the little one; two duftail chests to her and her own disposal.

ITEM: It is my will and desire that if my wife should be with Child that the said child shall have is equal proportion of the personal estate given to the other two children and its a proportion of all the residue of my personal estate.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my two children and the one my wife is going with eighteen head of cattle to be equally divided between them and five head of sheep a peace.

ITEM: I will and bequeath unto the child my wife is now big with one Negro man called Sam and one called David to the said child forever but if the said child should die then the Negroes to belong to my other two children before mentioned.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my grandson Jesse Ennis one Negro girl called Lott to him and his heirs and assigns.

ITEM: Whereas my other children viz. Cornely Zadock Leah Sophia and George have displeased me my will is that they shall have none of my estate real or personal but one shilling sterling a piece to them forever.

ITEM: My will and desire is that all the rest residue and remainder of my estate shall be equally divided between my two children, Nelly and Jessey to them and their heirs and assigns forever my wife to have the whole during her widowhood for the purpose of raising my children. Lastly, I hereby nominate

constitute and appoint my dear wife my whole and sole Executrix of this my last will and testament revoking and annulling all other former wills heretofore by me made ratifying and confirming and every clause therein contained to be my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal affixed this sixth day of December Anno Domini 1788.

Signed sealed published and acknowledged by Cornelius Ennis the within named testator to be his last will and testament in presence of us who at his request have severally signed our names as witnesses hereto.

Cornelius Ennis

Robert Hudson Jacob Teague John P. Marshall C (his mark)

Worcester County . The 15th day of March AD 1793 came Sarah Ennis and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that the within and foregoing instrument of writing is the true and whole will and testament of Cornelius Ennis late of Worcester County deceased that hath come to her hands or possession and that she doth not know of any other. Before Levin Handy Reg. Worc.

Worcester County. The 15th day of March A.D. 1793 came Robert Hudson Jacob Teague and John P Marshall the three subscribing witnesses to the within and foregoing last will and testament of Cornelius Ennis late of Worcester County deceased and severally made oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they did see the testator therein named sign and seal this will and that they heard him publish pronounce and declare the same to be his last will and testament that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehensions of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding and that they respectively subscribed their names as witnesses to this will in the presence and at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other. Before Levin Handy Reg. Wills.

Worcester County. On the 15th day of March A.D. 1793 came Sarah Ennis the widow of Cornelius Ennis late of Worcester County deceased and quitted her claim to the several bequest and devises made to her in the will of her said husband deceased and elected in lieu thereof her dower or third part of the deceased estate both real and personal according to law. Before Levin Handy.

Worcester County Wills JW # 18, 111-113.

Sarah Ennis
Deed of Gift 1793

Know all men by these presents that I SARAH ENNIS of the county and state afsd for the natural love and affection which I bear to my _____ child Rachel Ennis do give unto her my afsd daughter the sundry articles hereafter assessed viz. one Negro woman called by the name of Sabry and Easter the child of the afsd Sabray two cows and calves, one bed, furniture one looking glass and one large black walnut table. To have and to hold May 25, 1793.

SARAH X (her Mark) ENNIS
SEAL

Worcester County Land Records, Liber P (1793), p. 16.

SARAH TURNER

- 1793

In the name of God Amen, the fourteenth day of October one thousand seven hundred and ninety two, I Sarah Turner of Worcester County am very sick and weak of body but of perfit sound sense and memory but thanks be given unto God therefore calling into mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die principally that is to say and first say:

I give and recommend my Soul unto God that gave it and for my body I leave it to the earth to be buried in a Christian like and decent manner according to the discession of my executors and as for all the worldly goods that it hath pleased Almighty God to bless me with I give and dispose of the same in the following manner and form: Imprimis: it is my will and I do constitute make and ordain my son SAMUEL TURNER my only soul executor of this my last will and testament;

ITEM: I give unto my son Samuel Turner the land that I now live onto him and his heirs forever.

ITEM: I give my land to my son Samuel Turner.

ITEM: I gave a brindle heifer to JAMES WHITE son of Mr. White.

ITEM: I give the remaining part of my cattle to my son Samuel Turner.

ITEM: I gave the two beds and furniture below stairs to LEMUEL TURNER.

ITEM: I give to John Parker's daughter SALLY PARKER the bed and furniture that is upstairs.

ITEM: I give all my hogs to my Son Samuel Turner.

ITEM: I give my trunk to MARY PARKER, wife of John Parker.

ITEM: I gave all my clothes to be divided between my daughter RHODAY WHITE and JOHN PARKER'S WIFE.

ITEM: I give and remainder part of my estate to my son Lemuel Turner.

And I do hereby revoke and discount all and every other will or wills by me heretofore made or and to strengthen and confirm this to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have here unto set my hand and affix my seal the day and year signed sealed published and pronounced above written in the presence of us.

SARAH TURNER (Seal)

Testes: B. Townsend, Thomas Parker, Joshua Townsend, of B.

Worc. Co. The 4th day of January 1793 came Samuel Turner and made oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that the within and foregoing instrument of Almighty God that the within and foregoing instrument of writing is the true and whole will and testament of Sarah Turner late of Worcester County deceased that hath come to his hands or possession and that had not known of any other.

Levin Handy Reg.

(Worcester County Will Book, JW #4, folios 106-107)

MARY TARR

- 1797

Worcester County I, Mary Tarr of County and State aforesaid being of reasonable health of body and of a sound disposing mind, memory and understanding do make and order that this be my last will and testament in manner and form following: viz.

IMPRIMUS: I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter TABITHA TARR one cow and calf with all her increase.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter MARY TARR my side saddle also it is my will and desire that all the residue of my estate of kind soever shall be equally divided between my two daughters Mary Tarr and Tabitha Tarr and that there shall be no administration on my estate, satisfying and confirming this to be my last will and testament this seventh day of July Anno Domini 1794.

MARY + TARR
her mark

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of Robert Schoolfield, Mary Schoolfield, Nehemiah Dorman, Parker Selby Dorman, December ye 14, 1797.

Worcester County the 19th day of January 1798 then came Nehemiah Dorman and made oath on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God that he is well acquainted with the hand writing of Robert Schoolfield one of the subscribing witnesses to the within will of Mary Tarr and that he believes that within signing of Robert Schoolfield to said will is the hand writing of the said Robert Schoolfield to be best of his knowledge.

(Worcester County Will Book JBR, folios 336-337)

JAMES ATKINSON

- 1795

In the name of God Amen, I **JAMES ATKINSON** of Worcester County and state of Maryland being of weak but sound disposing mind and memory thanks be to God, do this day of December third in the year 1795 do ordain publish and dictate this my last will and testament in common form following: to wit: First, I will give and bequeath unto my son **Milby Atkinson** all my lands I now possess and if he should die without any heirs of his lawfully begotten of his body then to be equally divided between **Mary Atkinson** and **Sarray Atkinson** or their bodies heirs and then if they also should die without any heirs to my son **Robert Atkinson**. Also, I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Atkinson one Negro gal named Seary and I also give and bequeath unto my daughter Sarray one Negro gal named Gate. Also I give unto my son Milby Atkinson all my movables to be equally divided between the fore (sic), and the said Milby Atkinson is to pay to Robert Atkinson the sum of fifty pounds current money of Maryland in three years after my decease and also the said Milby Atkinson is to find his sister Sarray Atkinson a Coalte that is gived (?) to be worth twen (sic) pounds curran money and the said Milby Atkinson is to find his mother sufficient mantance guering (sic) (during) her life and the said Milby Atkinson is to give his sisters a home guering thar singal life. I also give unto my grandarter Nancy Bissop (Bishop) one Negro gal named Nice she and her increase forever, and I do appoint my son Milby Atkinson to be my hole and sole Executor of this my last will and Testament, Ratifying and confirm this my last will and testament. In witness whereof the sd James Atkinson to those presents his hand and seal affixed this third day of December 1795 above written.

James Atkinson (Seal)

Signed sealed and published pronounced and declared by the sd. testator as his last will and testament in present of us

Alexander McAllen

Joshua Selby

Jonathan Eshom.

15th December 1795 then came Milby Atkinson, and made oath on the holy Evangels of Almighty God that the within and foregoing instrument of writing is the true and whole will and testament of James Atkinson, late of Worcester county, deceased that hath come to his hands or possessing of that he doth not know of any other. Before Levin Handy Reg. Worc. County. The 15th day of December 1795 then came Alexander McAllen, Joshua Selby and Jonathan Esham the three subscribing witnesses to the within last will and testament of James Atkinson late of Worcester County, deceased and severally made oath on the holy evangels of Almighty God that they did see the Testator name and sign and seal this will and that heard him publish pronounce and declare the same to be his last will and Testament that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehensions of sound disposing mind memory and understanding and that they respectively subscribed their names as witnesses to this will in the presence and at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other.

Before Levin Handy repr.

January 15, 1795 Then came MARY ATKINSON the widow of James Atkinson late of Worcester County deceased and quitted her claims to the several bequests and devises made to her in the will of her said husband deceased, and elected in lieu thereof her dower or third part of the deceased's estate, both real and personal. Before Levin Handy, Reg. Worc. Co.

Worcester County Wills JW #8, fol. 229.

JOSEPH ENNIS

1798

In the name of God Amen, I JOSEPH ENNIS of Worcester County have taken into consideration the uncertainty of the transitory life and the certainty of death do make ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following viz.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my son William Ennis my tract of land called farm hill to him and his heirs forever to out line of Industry. I give unto my son William Ennis one boy named William. I give and bequeath unto son Stephen Ennis, Joseph Ennis and Samuel Ennis a tract of land called Fox Harbour and I also track called Edward's Lott unto them and their heirs to equally to be divided betwixt them. Item I give and bequeath unto my son Stephen Ennis one Negro man named Jack.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my son Joseph Ennis one Negro boy named Luken.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my son Samuel Ennis one Negro boy named Kendle.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto daughter Polly Ennis one Negro girls named Esther and one named Henny and Negro girl named Rhoday my will and devise is that all my movable estate that is not advise to be equally divided among my children Joseph Ennis and Mary Ennis and Samuel Ennis.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife two Negro men named Stephen and Casear one Negro woman named Catty to be her disposal.

ITEM: I Give and bequeath unto son Joseph Ennis one Negro boy named Littleton to him and his heirs

I give and bequeath unto son Samuel one Negro boy named Isaac to him and his heirs. I will that my dear beloved wife should keep my whole estate real and personal during her widow hood or life which happens first. She shall be my executor.

Witnesses

William Purnell Marshall

Eli Hutson

Samuel Ennis.

JOSEPH ENNIS

12th day of January 1798 then came Nancy Ennis and made oath on the holy Evangels of Almighty God that the within instrument of writing is the true and whole will and testament of Joseph Ennis late of Worcester County.

SAMUEL TRAHERN

- 1802

In the name of God Amen, I, Samuel Trahern of Somerset County in the state of Maryland planter being sick and weake but of perfect mind and memory thanks be to God therefore calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to dye do make and ordain this my last will and testament that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it and my body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in a decent Christian Burial nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life I give, devise and despose of the same in the following manner and form:

I give and bequeath unto my son JAMES TRAHERN all the land that I have and do hold during his life and after his death to his son SAMUEL TRAHERN during his life and so from heir to heir. I likewise give and bequeath to my son JAMES TRAHEARN one Negro man named Lige to him and his heirs and assigns forever provided he pays Samuel Trahern son of Obed Trahern fifty pounds current money of the state of Maryland not to be raised out of my estate. I likewise give and bequeath unto my granddaughter SARAH CAMERON one Negro woman named Consey to her and her heirs and assigns forever. I likewise I leave my two old Negro women to chouse wheather they will serve any person or not both of one name Martha or Pat. Likewise I give and bequeath unto them during their life four acres of land after their deaths to return into the family of James Trahearn or his heirs this land to be laid off by the executor upon sum little hill in the woods where it is most convenient for them and him and if they cannot maintain themselves in an honest way it is my desire that you the executor may take care of them for their labour. I give and bequeath unto Martha Trahern and Tabitha Trahern daughters of Obed Trahern one Negro woman named Priss to them and their heirs and assigned forever. I likewise give and bequeath unto Sarah Trahern and Mary Trahern one Negro woman named Easter to them and their heirs and assigns for ever the daughters of Obed Trahern likewise. I likewise give and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah Johnson two Negroes one named Grace and the other named Mille to her and her heirs and assigns forever.

I likewise give and bequeath unto my son WILLIAM TRAHERN one Negro boye named Levi during his life and after his death to his son William Trahearn and if he dies without heir to the next heir. I likewise give and bequeath unto my granddaughter Mary Bell Adkeson one Negro girl named ??? houn to her and her heirs and assigns forever. I further leave a lame Negro girl Jude by name into the hands of my son James Trahern and the mother of her that she may not suffer. And all the remainder of my personal estate I leave to be equally divided amongst the five families that is Obed Trahern, James Traherns, Sarah Johnson and William Trahern and Arcadea Wooker Cameron. To be divided according to their families. I further leave my son James Trahern executor of this my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this tenth day of March in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and two. Signed, sealed, published, pronounced and declared.

SAMUEL TRAHERN seal

(Somerset County Will Book, EB #23, folios 87-88)

CORNELIUS ENNIS

1804

DEED OF GIFT

Know all men by these presents that I Cornelius Ennis of Worcester County in the State of Maryland for love and affection that I bear to my son Peter Ennis and also for and in consideration of the sum of ten pounds current money of the state of Maryland to me in hand paid before the sealing and delivery hereof the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged. Have granted bargained and sold and by these presents do grant bargain sell convey and confirm unto him the said Peter Ennis his executors administrators and assigns forever all and singular the goods and chattels following to wit: three feather beds with all their furniture, two horses and mare one yok of steers and seven had of cattel and twelve haid of sheep and eleven haid of hogs with all the rest of my household furniture and all my crops. To have and to hold the said goods and chattels and every of them above mentioned and intended to the only sole benefit and behoof of him the said Peter Ennis his executors administrators assigns free and clear of all manner of encumbrances of all and every nature or kind whatsoever. In testimony to this I do hereunto set my hand and myself affix this the tenth day of October A.D. 1804.

Sealed and delivered in the presence of

Elijah Ennis

John Cathell

Cornelius Ennis (Seal)

on the thirteenth day of October 1804 Cornelius Ennis paster to the within bill of sail and did acknowledge the within written Instrument of ritting to be his act and Deed and the goods and chattles therein mentchanted to be the right title and property of him the within named Peter Ennis his heirs and assigns. . .

.Before John Cathell.

Worcester County Land Records, Liber W (1804), ff. 434-435.

ZADOCK ENNIS

-1813

In the name of God Amen, I Zadock Ennis of Worcester County and State of Maryland being sick and weak in body but sound reason considering the certainty of death and the . . . of the time thereof and being determined to settle my worldly affairs and thereby be the better prepared to leave this world when it please god to call me do therefore make and . . . my last will and testament in manner and form following:

First and principally I commit my soul to Almighty God and my body to the earth to be buried at the discretion of my executors I devise unto my son ELIJAH ENNIS a part of my lands lying being in Worcester County and on the southern side of my plantation whereon I now live and the south side of a big ditch that leads though the plantation where I now live and by and with the said ditch up to the beaver dam and then from thence up and with the house gully to the out line alone onle to the within named . . .

ITEM: I give and devise to my son Zadock Ennis all the batts [?] of my home track of land where I now live lying in the county aforesaid that is where my house stands together with all rights and privileges that is on the northside of the ditch before mentioned.

ITEM: I give and devise unto my daughter Nancy Ennis one cow and one spinning whele.

ITEM: I give and devise unto my daughter Neicey Ennis one feather bed and furniture and one spinning whele and one chest.

ITEM: I give and devise unto my daughter Mary wife of Belitha Owens one shilling.

ITEM: I give and devise unto my daughter Susa wife of George Livingston one shilling.

ITEM: I give and devise unto my son LEVIN ENNIS all the remainder of my property both real and personal to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM: I give and devise unto my dear wife Betsy Ennis all and every part of my estate both real and personal to use at her pleasure so long as she shall live a single life to have priveledges to cut timber off the lands for to support the children and pay the debts.

And Lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my dear wife Betsey Ennis to be my sole executrix of this my last will and testament revoking all former wills by me heretofore made ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my and affixed my seal the fifteenth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirteen.

ZADOCK ENNIS

witnesses:

Seth Fooks
Eli Smullen

SAMUEL ENNIS
-1815

In the name of God Amen, I Samuel Ennis of Worcester County have taken into consideration the uncertainty of this transitory life and the certainty of death make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following viz:

Item: I give and bequeath the plantation whereon I now live to[?] him and his heirs forever if he dies without issue then to my grandson Samuel Ennis his heirs forever. Also one the largest yoke of oxen, four cows and calves one mare, one handmill, one Negro man called Stephen, one Negro child called Patience, and one featherbed and furniture;

ITEM; I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Ennis one Negro woman called Leah also one Negro child called James, one red crumpled horn cow, one three years old steer, one looking glass standing in the hall, one box iron, one bag of feathers now in the house, one yoke steers and one small walnut table. It is my will and desire that my son Joseph Ennis doth take upon himself to discharge a debt due from me to Susannah Ennis for which I give and bequeath unto him all the remainder of my estate that is not before given. I hereby appoint my son Joseph Ennis my whole executor of this my last will and testament revoking all my former wills or deeds as witness my hand and seals this 24th day of November, the year of our lord 1776.

Witnesses: Signed sealed and acknowledged in the presence of us

Jesse Long

Mary Handy

Samuel Handy.

Samuel Ennis (Seal)

Worcester County the 19th day of December 1815 then came Samuel Handy Senior one of the subscribing witnesses to the within last will and testament of Samuel Ennis late of Worcester County deceased and made oath on the holy evangels of Almighty God that he did see the said Samuel Ennis -the testator sign and seal this will and that he heard him publish pronounce and declare the same to be his last will and testament that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of his apprehension of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding and that he subscribed his name as a witness of these to in the presence of Jesse Long (who is now dead), and Mary Handy the two subscribing witnesses to the same and in the presence and at the request of the testator also that he saw the witnesses Jesse Long and Mary Handy subscribe their names.

CORNELIUS ENNIS

1819

(BILL OF SALE)

Know all men by these presents that I Cornelius Ennis of Worcester County within the State of Maryland for and in consideration of the sum of ten dollars current money to me in hand paid by Estharhy Godfrey before the Sealing and delivery here of the receipt where of I do hereby acknowledge have granted bargained and sold and by these presents do grant bargain and sell unto the said Esthar Godfey her Executors administrators and assigns one bed and furniture and Iron pott Rack which properly is ow in my possession.. To have and to hold the said properly above Bargained and Sold to the said Etesha Godfrey her executors and assigns forever unto her only proper use and benefit and I the said Cornelius Ennis for myself the executors and administrators shall and will warrant and forever defend by these presents to the same Etesha Godfrey her executors administrators and . . . signed 5 August 1819.

Signed in the presence of Charles Parker Cornelius Ennis
(Seal)

Worcester County Land Records, Liber AK (1819),folio 30.

OUTTEN ENNIS -1832

In the name of God Amen, I Outen Ennis of Worcester County of sound mind and memory and understanding intending to dispose of all my property in the [?] and all my right. It is most [?] to take place after my death do for that purpose make and ordain this as my last will and testament revoking hereby all other wills heretofore made by me.

First, I give my wife two fat hogs in the pen and one white face cow.

Secondly, I give my two sons Isaac and James Ennis fourteen dollars and to be paid by my executor.

Thirdly, I give my two youngest sons Covington Ennis and Stephen Ennis twenty five dollars each to be paid by my executor.

Fourthly, I give the balance of my property of every kind to my four sons Richard, Matthias, Covington, Evans and Stephen Wesley to be equally divided between them.

And lastly, I hereby appoint my friend Charles parker executor of this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal. . . Signed sealed and published and declared by the testator to be his last will. . .

witnesses:

Charles Parker

Jethro Richardson

Letitia (her mark) Godfrey

Outten X (his mark) Ennis
(Seal)

Worcester County. The twenty seventh day of January 1832 then came Charles Parker and made his oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that the within testament of writing is the true. . . will . . . Before Lemuel P. Spence Register of Wills for Worc. Co. On the 27th day of January 1832 came Letisha Godfrey one of the subscribing witnesses to the within last will and testament of Outten Ennis late of Worcester County, who indicated that Outten Ennis was of sound disposing mind when he made the will.

I Margaret Ennis widow of Outten Ennis late of Worcester County do hereby renounce and quit all claims to any bequeath or made to me by the last will of my husband. . . Given under my hand and seal this 6th day of February 1832.

Margaret (X her mark) Ennis
(Seal)

JAMES TREHEARN

- 1845

In the name of God Amen, I, James Trehearn of Worcester County, being of sound mind, memory and understanding do make, publish and declare this instrument of writing and for my last will and testament in this manner and form following to wit:

ITEM: After all my just debts and funeral charges and all expense in the settlement of my estate are fully paid off and discharged, I devise and bequeath as follows:

FIRST: I devise to my daughter SALLY BLADES, wife of Henry Blades one hundred and five acres of land to be laid off in the south part of my farm beginning and upon the line of land to be laid off in the south part of my farm beginning and upon the line of the piece of above said land which I sold and conveyed to JAMES DENARD WILLIAMS lying on the south side of this and leading from the county road to Hugh Stevenson's and from thence running as near a straight line as practicable and parallel with the lines of the lands of the said Hugh Stevenson until its intersects the line of the land now owned by Jonathan Cottingham so as to include the one hundred and five acres of land. And in the event that the one hundred and five acres of land cannot be obtained by beginning as above mentioned at the line of the land conveyed by me to said Denard Williams then and in that case it is my will and desire that the laying off of the one hundred and five acres of land to my daughter SALLY BLADES they begin at the county road leading from Snow Hill to the mills called Bennett's Mills and from thence to near a straight line until it intersects the line of the lands of Jonathan Cottingham and parallel with the line of Hugh Stevenson's land as aforesaid so as to include one hundred and five acres of land on the south side of my farm. When I die one hundred and five acres of land to be laid off as aforesaid. I give and devise to my said daughter Sally Blades and her heirs and assigns forever in fee simple by whatever name or names the said lands may be called or known. I further give and devise to my said daughter Sally Blades and her heirs forever all of the land which I purchased from Henry Blades. _____ for the frame weatherboarding, flooring and all the plank to complete said building. The above property I give to Sally Blades and her heirs forever.

SECOND: Whereas by said will I did give and bequeath unto my son ARTHUR M. TREHEARN and his heirs my Negro boy called John. I do hereby revoke the said legacy and do give and bequeath my said Negro boy called John to my son GEORGE TREHEARN and his heirs forever.

THIRD: Whereas by my said will and testament I did give and devise by the second item thereof to my sons George Trehearn and Arthur M. Trehearn and heirs as tenants in common all of the rest and of my lands not previously disposed of in and by said will in the first item thereof to be equally divided between them and their heirs.

Now I do hereby revoke the said devise or so much of or only as much as relates to any interest in said land to my said son George Trehearn by which in lieu thereof I have given my Negro boy called John and do give and do devise to my said son Arthur M. Trehearn and his heirs forever all the lands which I had given and devised by the second item of my said will to my said son George Trehearn. In testimony whereof I have set my hand and affixed my seal this twenty ninth day of April in the year eighteen hundred and forty five.

JAMES TREHEARN

Wit: Isaac P. Smith
Thomas S. Gray
William C. Mumford

Codicil 26 April 1845--to daughter SALLY house where Parker Eshom lived.

Witness to codicil:
Thomas Nelson
Joel Nelson
Theodore F. Williams

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